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Density and Use Top Council Concerns For Hospital Zoning

The question of how current hospital-occupied land on Witherspoon Street will be rezoned once the University Medical Center at Princeton leaves for Plainsboro took center stage last week as Borough Council began exploring potential future uses of 12 prime acres in the heart of Princeton.

Although Borough Council is not expected to see any draft zoning until June at the earliest, the discussion did touch on some recurring issues that have underscored the entire hospital planning process since Princeton HeathCare System, the hospital's parent entity, released its long-term strategic plan two years ago.

In January, the Regional Planning Board of Princeton amended the Princeton Community Master Plan that outlines certain aims that will likely dictate future zoning on the site. The situation is complicated by the fact that the hospital block, which is bounded by Witherspoon Street, Harris Road, Franklin Avenue, and Henry Avenue, straddles the Borough/Township municipal line, while most of the developable space, which includes the two main hospital towers, lies in the Borough. The hospital's garage, which would remain to accommodate parking for the likely

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Palmer Development Gets a Nod

An advisory wing of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton has recommended approval for a housing development on Palmer Square along Paul Robeson Place, a plan that has been more than 16 years in the making.

The Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) heard an application submitted by Palmer Properties, LLC last Wednesday, and while issues related to parking are set to be revisited by the full Planning Board, the bulk of the plan—the construction of 19 townhouses and 80 multi-family apartments, and one flat—was viewed favorably by SPRAB members. While a date has not yet been set, the plan will likely by heard by the full Planning Board sometime later this year. Palmer Square representatives have indicated that a ground breaking could take place in spring 2007.

The residential project, however, poses some logistical issues that will have to be addressed before final approval. The engineering report submitted to the Planning department by Borough Engineer Carl Peters, this residential project "creates a need for new, dedicated spaces and an increase in demand for more spaces within the existing garages."

The report went on to say that the total parking space required would be 1,022, based on 912 spaces for existing development and 110 spaces needed for new development.

Designs supplied by architect David Minno of the Lambertville-based Minno & Wasko Architects and Planners indicate that the dwellings will include a mix of eight one-bedroom, 61 two-bedroom, and 31 three-bedroom units housed in buildings between two and four stories extending along an undeveloped stretch starting at Chambers Street.

While the plan did receive a recommendation, early SPRAB deliberations indicated the need for a second meeting to address the list of concerns supplied by the Borough Engineering Department—a prospect that did not sit well with Palmer Properties attorney Donald Daines.

"I am disappointed that you have prejudged this application," he said, adding that the applicant had been working with the Borough for the past year to get the plan deemed complete for review.

That situation, however, was quickly resolved when architects moved forward with presenting the revised application.

The plan has met its share of resistance and is likely to attract more attention as it moves closer to a final decision. Earlier this year, it was flagged by the Princeton Borough Engineering Department because it lacked details as to the dimensions of the parking spaces in the planned development, according to Borough engineer Carl Peters, who explained that the plans provided by Palmer Properties did not indicate if the spaces were big enough

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Township, Developer, See Late Summer For Senior Housing Groundbreaking

"Four Seasons," an age-restricted housing development granted approval in October 2005 by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton, is expected to have a summer groundbreaking, amid environmental concerns related to bedrock that lies underneath the 20.9-acre site, which also straddles a major pipeline.

The 140-unit, five-building application slated for the western side of Bunn Drive just south of Hilltop Park was subjected to an intense planning process last fall when residents and several municipal commission spoke out against further development of that part of the Township, known as the Princeton Ridge—an area of rocky terrain, bedrock, and steep hills.

At the same time, however, since the Ridge has already undergone significant levels of development and since adding to the Township's senior housing stock has been a long-term priority for Township government, the prospect of housing for seniors 62 and up rather than transient residents is, for some, a welcome development indeed.

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PALMER SQUARE DEVELOPMENT MOVES FORWARD: A proposal to build 100 residential units in seven buildings on undeveloped land along Paul Robeson Place received a recommendation for approval last Wednesday by an advisory board of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton. The plan, which still has some outstanding parking concerns, will likely by heard by the full Planning Board sometime later this year. Palmer Square representatives have indicated that a groundbreaking could take place by the spring of 2007.

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THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN? The eastern end of Nassau Street, outside Princeton Borough's Central Business District, has become increasingly attractive to shop owners in Princeton for its accessibility and built-in clientele from the nearby residential neighborhoods. Hoagie Haven and Old World Pizza are just a sampling of the culinary mainstays on this part of Nassau. Small World Coffee plans to open a take-out satellite store at 254 Nassau Street late this spring.

East Nassau Street Draws a Crowd As Gasoline Alley Goes Commercial

There is more than one downtown in Princeton.

For residents of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood, downtown could mean the variety of shops and eateries dotting the streets of the neighborhood. For many residents in the eastern section of the Township, downtown means Kingston, the little village in South Brunswick that has an appeal all its own. For those in the northern part of the Township, downtown could mean the budding commercial area near the Montgomery border

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featuring eateries, services, shops, banks, and pharmacies.

And now there's the section of Nassau Street between Linden Lane and Moore Street, once known as "Gasoline Alley" due to the abundance of gas stations that used to occupy the area.

Nowadays, most of the fuel provided by Gasoline Alley is for a commercial center that has been, if anything, somewhat of an anomaly. The slow transition from industrial to commercial makes perfect sense, but has been a long time coming.

"It's still in town, but most people who live there still want to be able to walk and ride their bikes some place," said Jessica Durrie, co-owner of Witherspoon Street's Small World Coffee who is about to open a branch in the former location of Chez Alice at 254 Nassau Street.

Small World Coffee's satellite location will be take-out only, with some seating along the sidewalk. The take-out aspect should be an attractive component to shoppers in that area, Ms. Durrie said, citing the heavy activity of students from Princeton University, Princeton High School, and the Westminster Choir College.

Gasoline Alley is still haunted by its history in the form of Jay's Cycle, Ivy Inn, and Nassau Liquors Grape & Grain, all of which resemble converted gas stations, but are now proven mainstays of a commercial neighborhood that is largely composed of privately owned stores.

Of course, let's not forget Hoagie Haven, Georges Roaster & Ribs, Craft Cleaners, Varsity Liquors, Old World Pizza, Wilson House, Wild Oats Market, Tiger Noodles, Ivy Garden, The Ivy Inn, Theo's Salon, Tomo Sushi, Aljehi Too, Thai Village, Kalluri Corner, the Flower Station, Nassau Street Seafood and Produce Company, Blue Point Grill, and a number of real estate offices and businesses.

And, of course, the last two bastions of Gasoline Alley tradition: Larry's Sunoco and Fowler's Gulf.

For Ms. Durrie the attraction was being close to so many established and well-known Princeton businesses.

"I don't know if I would have taken that location if it wasn't right next to two amazing businesses," she said, referring to Nassau Street Seafood and Blue Point Grill, both owned by Jack Morrison, who also happens to be Ms. Durrie's landlord at her new location.

"Jack is a great representative of the food world in

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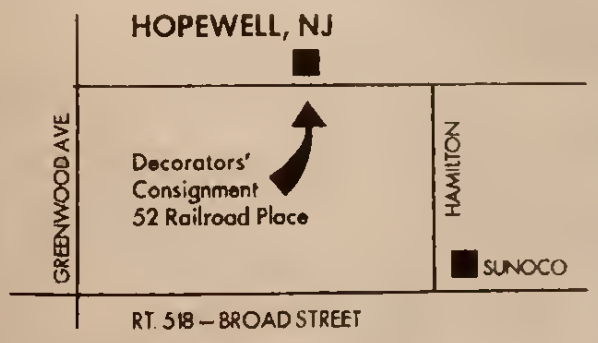

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this town, and there was a definite appeal for me to be in that little strip," she said.

Mr. Morrison, for his part, admits that he's found something special. When he opened his seafood market here in 1982 next to what was then Vesuvius Pizza, East Nassau was hardly thriving, but the fact that it was "in town, but not quite in town" was appealing.

"It's become more of a food destination," Mr. Morrison said in an interview last year. "There really is a standard measure for quality."

When you consider that the food industry is hypercompetitive, with eating establishments coming and going as fast as stores in a shopping mall, all of the businesses of East Nassau have managed to "maintain that same type of uniqueness." At the present, the only obvious open space is the building that used to be home at various times to West Coast Video, Wawa, Viking Furniture, and Eckerd.

Jeffrey Albert, the developer of 253 Nassau Street, the mixed-use residential and business building located just to the west of the Wild Oats, said the proximity of commercial enterprises to residences provides an urban feel that one cannot necessarily find in other parts of town.

"It took a long time for people to see that area as a place where they might want to live," he said.

But not long enough for some who might just be coming around. Houses on abutting Murray Place and the adjacent "tree" streets (Pine, Spruce, Maple, Chestnut), are already valued in figures more in line with the rest of Princeton.

"The street is the activity," Mr. Albert said, "not the cars." In fact, Nassau Street physically narrows in that area, creating a bottleneck for cars, but a more relaxed streetscape for pedestrians.

Quietude may be a far cry from Gasoline Alley past, but East Nassau is still very much steeped in Princeton tradition.

—Matthew Hersh

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Over 150 Central Jersey high school students and their teachers from the Ewing Township, Hopewell Valley, Hamilton Township, Princeton, South Hunterdon, and West Windsor-Plainsboro school districts attended a day-long seminar on American democracy and international affairs at Princeton University's **Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs** on May 5. Students heard from leading experts in American democracy, foreign policy, and the Mideast peace process at the seminar, which was presented in conjunction with the Central New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership. Daniel Kurtzer, professor of Mideast Policy Studies at the Wilson School, and a former US ambassador to Israel and Egypt discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict and the future of the Middle East peace process and Nolan McCarty, professor of Politics and Public Affairs and associate dean of the Wilson School, discussed the future of American democracy: ideology and equality in the context of the upcoming mid-term elections.

ITNGreaterMercer, a countywide transit network set to launch a pilot program this fall, will hold a "community tea" discussion on transportation for seniors and the visually impaired living in Mercer County. The program, "Seniors on the Move," will take place this Friday, May 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Palmer Inn Garden Room at the Clarion Hotel at 3499 Route 1 South in West Windsor. For more information, call (609) 452-1967.

The **Historical Society of Princeton (HSP)** will conduct its Literary Landmark Tour this Friday, May 19, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. Led by HSP curator Eileen Morales, the tour will focus on the homes of literary luminaries who have come to Princeton over the years, including Thomas Mann and T.S. Eliot. There will also be stops on Princeton University's campus and at Morven, which was named by its first mistress Annis Boudinot Stockton, a poet. Friday's event is part of an on-going series of walking tours highlighting Princeton's history. Tickets can be purchased for $5 per person in the HSP shop at Bainbridge House.

The **Princeton Community Democratic Organization** will host a public presentation focusing on New Jersey Democratic Party bosses and the impact of their dealings this Sunday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center behind Princeton Borough Hall. The main speaker will be Tom Byrne, Princeton resident, and former State Democratic Committee chair. He will discuss prominent personalities in the Democratic Party and their impact on government policies. Refreshments will be served.

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Borough, Township, Eye Shared Services Before Casting Votes on Final Budgets

In readying the final numbers in their own respective municipal budgets, members of Borough and Township Committee were scheduled to hold a municipal hearing Tuesday night examining the 15 shared municipal agencies that effectively keep the two governments joined at the hip.

Both governments need to finalize budgets for shared services before voting on their own. The Township is expected to hold a public hearing and vote on its proposed $31 million operating budget this Monday, May 22, with the Borough expected to vote on its $22.9 million operating budget the following night, May 23.

The budget hearing for the 15 joint agencies was slated to take place last night after Town Topics went to press. Twelve of the 15 agencies have had their budget allowances tentatively approved by members of the Borough and Township finance committees, but three of the agencies, the Princeton Regional Health Department, the Princeton Recreation Department, and the Princeton Public Library, were expected to generate discussion.

Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi and Township Administrator James Pascale have recommended a $16,614 increase for the Health Department, after the Princeton Regional Health Commission requested an additional $54,221 for the Health Department. According to a joint memorandum from both administrators, the increase will be offset by $7,295 in aid from the state's Department of Health. There will also be a $8,250 reimbursement from the federal Medicare program for flu vaccinations, leaving the actual increase in appropriations at $41,426. The memorandum went on to say that the Princeton Regional Health Department is expected to generate approximately $300,000 in revenue in 2006.

Mr. Bruschi said he would propose a trust account for the flu vaccination reimbursement so that in the future, the vaccination program will be run through the trust, and so that it will not have to be budgeted every year in the operating budget. "It'll cut back on what we have to do, instead of budgeting it over and over again," he said.

The Princeton Recreation Department has requested an additional $27,000 for a small dump truck, because their current vehicle is "on life support," Mr. Bruschi said. The entire Recreation Department budget is a proposed $1,110,939, up $32,299 from 2005. The majority of the increase is associated with the salary and wage portion of the budget. However, with the exception of the $27,000 for a new vehicle, the Joint Finance Committee has approved the Recreation Department's budget.

Finally, a potential discussion item is the budget allotted to the Princeton Public Library, a proposed $3,249,045, up $154,716 from 2005. A majority of that increase is also a result of increases in salary and wages. Several items from the Library's initial budget proposal were cut out and Leslie Burger, Library director, was expected to put forth alternatives to some of the cuts.

—Matthew Hersh

H. Vincent Poor Named PU Engineering Dean

H. Vincent Poor, a Princeton alumnus and professor of electrical engineering known as a researcher, teacher, and innovator, has been named dean of the University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, effective June 1.

Dr. Poor will succeed Maria Klawe, who announced in January that she will leave the University to become president of Harvey Mudd College in California. Dean Klawe led the engineering school through its strategic planning effort and into a period of major growth.

Dr. Poor earned bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Auburn University, and completed a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science at Princeton in 1977. Currently the Michael Henry Strater University Professor of Electrical Engineering, he joined the Princeton University faculty in 1990 after 13 years at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign. He also has held visiting positions at a number of other institutions, including Imperial College in London, Harvard and Stanford.

In 2005, Dean Klawe appointed Dr. Poor to be the founding director of the Center for Innovation in Engineering Education, an initiative to prepare all students, both engineers and non-engineers, to be leaders in an increasingly technology-driven society.

The National Science Foundation recognized Dr. Poor's contributions in 2002, presenting him with the Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars, the foundation's highest honor for excellence in both teaching and research. He received the engineering school's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2003 and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Education Medal in 2005.

In 2005, Dr. Poor published a book, 25 journal articles and 26 conference papers. He supervised nine graduate students and six postdoctoral researchers working on 10 separately funded projects. He received two patents and served as editor-in-chief of a leading journal, the IEEE Transactions on Information Theory.

An elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and a fellow of the IEEE, Dr. Poor is an authority on wireless communications and signal processing. His graduate-level textbook, *An Introduction to Signal Detection and Estimation*, is considered the definitive reference work in its field. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a recent Guggenheim fellow.

ADVANCED RECOVERY: Janet Pellichero, head of the Princeton Environmental Commission, with one of the loads accumulated during Saturday's electronic/computer collection in the parking lot of the Township Municipal Building. According to Ms. Pellichero, all computers will be evaluated by Advanced Recovery and, if possible, reused. Document shredding was done by Accurate Document Destruction and Recycling, Inc. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

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"Muskets and Mutton, a Spring Festival" will be held at Princeton Battlefield State Park this Sunday, May 21.

The activities include a demonstration firing of muskets to compliement the book signing by Bill Ahearn, author of *Muskets of the Revolution and the French and Indian Wars*, a coffee table volume packed with illustrations and information about the various firearms used during the American Colonial and Revolutionary period. Mr. Ahearn's collection of firearms and other weapons is displayed in the Battlefield's Clarke House museum.

Questions about surgery in colonial times will be answered by Nancy Webster, a member of Past Masters of the American Colonial Domestic Arts, a group of living historians and site interpereters that has been collecting surgical instuments of the period for years. She will display her collection as well as giving a talk on how a wound received from a muusket was treated. According to Jerry Hurwitz, president of the Board of Trustees, "This presentation is not for the squeamish."

The "mutton" refers to a demonstration of Colonial cooking by Clarissa Dillon and Deborah Peterson, also members of the Past Masters.

In addition to the mutton, muskets, and surgery, there will be battlefield and house tours throughout the afternoon.

Activities begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. There is a requested donation of $3 for adults and $1 for each child over five years of age. There is no charge for members of the Society. Princeton Battlefield is located at 500 Mercer Road in Princeton

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June Fete Auction Precedes Annual Day Fair

The Auxiliary of University Medical Center at Princeton is getting geared up for the annual Fete on Saturday June 10th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Princeton University Football Stadium.

And if good weather prevails, Mother Nature will be in keeping with the Beach Fete 2006 theme that was chosen for the 52-year-old Princeton tradition.

The Fete Auction and Flea Market organizers are asking community members for donations, especially silver, crystal, antiques, artwork, and beach-themed items. Tuesday, May 30th, is the last day for donation drop-off at the Auxiliary storage facility at 905 Herrontown Road in Princeton.

This year, on Fete day beginning at 1 p.m., the auctioneer will present some special Jersey Shore-themed items, including a week at the Shore, patio furniture and a barbecue grill. All other items including high end treats like a mink shawl, a trombone, silver accessories, and antique furniture. The proceeds from this year's all-day, charitable event will support cardiac care at University Medical Center at Princeton.

More than 10,000 people are expected at the Fete which includes Sports Alley, Children's Games, the Strawberry Patch, Lane of Shops, Entertainment, 10K Race, the Flea Market Sale, and the Auction.

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Question of the Week:

"What are your views on student drinking at eating clubs and in dormitories?"

"I do not think that is a problem as long as people are responsible — college students are able to monitor their drinking pretty well. I also think that Princeton provides good support services. If it gets out of hand, students know where to go."

— Freddy Flaxman, Princeton University junior

"Drinking in college is a reality — it is part of the growing up process. The way it is here with a centralized location, everyone is safe. People who drink too much are taken care of by people who do not drink — it is the safest way. Obviously there are occasional mistakes, but, overall, we do a good job here."

— Luke Owings, Princeton University junior

"Since this is a college, there will always be drinking. In the eating clubs, there is a certain degree of responsibility, which is thoroughly lacking in the dorms. The officers of the clubs supervise the drinking, which is far superior."

— Michoel Fragoso, Princeton University senior

"I think that it is a bit excessive here. I just started drinking. I was very much against it before coming here. There are issues with it, but as long as people drink responsibly in a safe environment, I do not see that there is a problem with it."

— Elisso Frankle, Princeton University sophomore

"The problem with it is when people go all out and binge drink,— particularly at certain events during the year. This has to do, in part, with people not having more balanced social lives. On the other hand, the campus is relatively safe and people look out for each other when they drink. It is confined to the campus, students are not off driving, and for the most part, the clubs foster responsible drinking."

— Mimi Chubb, Princeton University senior

All in a Day's Work

Muriel Burrows

In 1994, when Nelson Mandela was elected President of South Africa, Muriel Burrows dragged her young daughter out of bed to watch the news, telling her: "This is history, you have to watch this." Ms. Burrows, then attending the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas, recalls feeling absolute joy.

Years later, when she heard that she had been appointed as Pastor to the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, she was again elated. Her joy soon gave way to a bad case of cold feet at the thought of preaching to a congregation that included experts whose books she'd pored over as a seminary student. It didn't last long, however, and Pastor Burrows has been preaching, since April 2003, in Princeton where she lives in harmony with her cat Lynx and her dog Angel (pictured above). —Linda Arntzenius

I arrived in the United States from South Africa just a few days before Thanksgiving, 1982. This was the era of apartheid and I was married to a white South African. Our marriage was illegal by South African law and we had been involved in some anti-apartheid demonstrations. We became "persons of interest" and were under surveillance.

Growing up under apartheid there was a feeling of not really knowing where you belong. At that time, my family and millions of others, were not considered black or white; we were of mixed race descent. We were labeled "colored." I remember a heated discussion during which someone said, "You colored people are sitting on a very fine line and when the big blow-up comes you are going to have to decide which way you are going to jump." There was always that tension. Everyone expected that change would inevitably come and that there would be civil war.

When we first came to the States and applied for political asylum, we did lots of odd jobs to survive. My first real job was with a Presbyterian church on Staten Island doing youth work with first-and second-generation Italian-American kids. Most of them had never taken the ferryboat across to Manhattan! I'd worked as an elementary school teacher for almost ten years and I felt that part of my ministry was to broaden their world-view.

Ministry

Witherspoon [Street Presbyterian Church, founded in 1840] has a rich history. Historically, it's an African American congregation with connections to the Presbyterian Church on Nassau Street that go back 250 years. Shirley Satterfield, a Deacon in the church, is a wonderful resource on this. From what I understand, Princeton in the mid-19th century was considered a "southern town." Many university students brought with them Southern lifestyle and attitudes. There was this whole element of racism. The black folk would have to be up in the balcony of the church. The Presbyterian Church on Nassau Street was burned down twice before becoming the Nassau Church we know today. Depending on whose history you read, after the second time the church burned down, the black congregation was not invited back.

As a pastor, I can be called out to a hospital bedside at any time. Sunday is my busiest day depending on what programs we have before the worship service. We've started an adult "Bible and Bagels" class with an invited speaker on current issues, religious or secular. Brian Blount, a professor from the Princeton Theological Seminary presented a series recently.

I love preaching and I love research. I use a lectionary, which sets out a selection of scripture readings on a three-year cycle. I've been following the gospel cycle. For me the lectionary is a discipline. It makes me look at scriptures that I might not normally want to preach. But because I've decided to be faithful to the discipline, I will struggle with it and do the research. The text is a jumping off point; sometimes when you return to the original Greek there are nuances that will suggest new insights.

Right now I am struggling with the saying "i am the vine, you are the branches." People have been hearing these texts since Sunday school, so the challenge is to make them fresh so the congregation will sit up and take notice.

Presbyterianism is very liturgical, meaning that we follow a set liturgy as opposed to a typical Pentecostal church where the service takes on as the spirit leads you. My sermons are about twenty minutes long. When I preach I try to bring in current events. A lot of people will probably tell you that my sermons tend to be political.

A couple of Sundays ago, I preached a sermon that was an indictment of all religions, including the Christian Church, because none of us clearly follows the dictates of God. No matter whether it's the Muslim, the Jewish, or the Christian faith, there is one law and that law is love. None of us is where God wants us to be as human beings.

War and Family

My ex-husband and I have a daughter, Thembisa Amy. Thembisa means "Promise" in the Zulu language. She's 22 and is in the United States Marine Corps. Last year, she served in Iraq for 10 months.

When Thembisa first told me that she had signed on, I was in shock for a while. First of all I'm kind of a peacenik, and anti-war. And we had worked so hard on college applications. Then she walked in one day and said, 'Guess what?" She chose the marines, one of the toughest areas of the military.

I don't see this as a religious war. This is purely over economics. The big businesses will be the only winners. I was totally against the first Gulf War and faced a lot of opposition for it. It is very clear to me that war is not the answer.

Taking Tea

Princeton is also a very small town, and I like that. There's so much good stuff in such a small area. I'm an avid reader and my taste is eclectic - science fiction, fantasy, history, poetry and essays. Even though there is a wonderful library, I have a horrible habit of buying books. My favorite genre is murder mystery. I whizzed passed Nancy Drew as a kid and went straight to the much more exciting Agatha Christie. I love P.D. James. I've just finished the book about Einstein and this community [*Einstein on Race and Racism* by Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor (Rutgers University Press)].

My secret passion is collecting teapots. If I wasn't a pastor, I would love to run a tearoom. It would not be big. It would have little tables, frilly curtains, dainty sandwiches and scones with clotted cream and jam. One day, when I retire...

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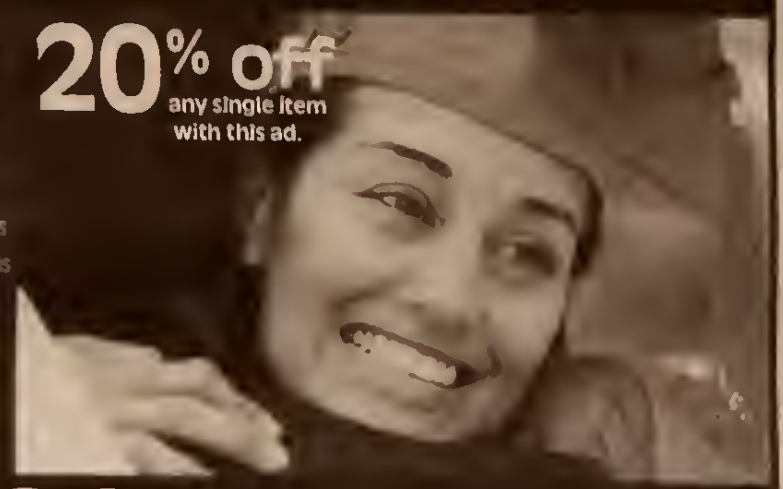

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If all goes according to plan, permits, a final review of plans, and bond posting will be in place by the summer.

"Hopefully, we can be good to go and put a shovel in the ground," Shirleen Roberts, an attorney with Four Seasons developer K. Hovnanian, said this week.

The environmental concerns addressed will have to be watched carefully, Ms. Roberts said. On the blasting end, the developer is expected to provide to the Township a detailed blasting plan, its implementation overseen by Transco, which controls the pipe itself. "We'll be doing everything pursuant to state requirements," Ms. Roberts said.

She added that neighbors will be notified and that the developer will conduct pre-blasting surveys of the entire area to gauge the present conditions on the ground.

Last September, both the Princeton Environmental Commission and the Planning Board's own advisory board flatly opposed the project prior to the Planning Board's final approval, citing the environmental sensitivities as reasons to deny approval.

Ms. Roberts, however, said that the approval would allow the developer to move forward "safely" and to work with the Township.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser said that the developer "should be close to satisfying" the requirements of the approval, including an update of the construction plan that includes adjustments to the retaining wall, the landscape plan, and tree removal.

Mr. Kiser added that the Township is awaiting the blasting plan for municipal review: "That hasn't hit my desk yet."

The Township designated the Bunn Drive site as part of a senior overlay zoning district in 2001 in an effort to increase senior housing in the Township. That designation, in part, stemmed both from the opening of Stonebridge at Montgomery retirement community and from a still-pending 48-unit housing application off Mt. Lucas Drive by the developer Intell. That site is also part of the Township's overlay district.

Intell had initially intended to build more than 100 units on the Mt. Lucas site, but in a settlement with neighbors, the unit number was lowered, thus possibly increasing the cost per unit potentially making it less attractive to seniors on fixed income.

That settlement was the result of a suit brought forth by the Friends of Princeton Ridge, claiming that rezoning and subsequent development on the land would be environmentally detrimental.

The Intell application, which was actually submitted to the Township well before the Hovnanian proposal, is still in the review process within the Planning department with no date set for public deliberation.

—Matthew Hersh

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LYDIA'S ON THE BEAM: Lydia Owen is helped over the balance beam by her mom, Kerry Owen, at the Waldorf Family Fun Fair last Saturday. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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to match up to the Borough's standards.

Once that issue was resolved on March 23, the building application went to SPRAB.

This is not the first time this application has received a nod of approval. In 1990, the Planning Board granted site plan approval for 97 units, only for the proposal to be delayed for years for a number of reasons, most notably the placement of 10 affordable housing units, and conditions upon approval that had not been presented to the Planning Board. An ad hoc committee was assembled to address those conditions, including parking, and finally submitted its revised plans to the Planning Department in 2002.

In January 2005, Palmer Properties appeared before the Planning Board to outline revisions in the plan that had taken place in the 15 years since initial approval. Those changes addressed issues like parking, façade changes, and the affordable housing element. At that time, Palmer Properties attorney Daines, who had worked on the ad hoc committee in assembling a building application, said the affordable element would remain intact in a final construction proposal.

—Matthew Hersh

Ms. Townsend, First Female Head of Pennington School

The Pennington School has appotnted Stephanie G. Townsend to succeed retiring Headmaster Lyle D. Rigg as its next head of school. Mr. Rigg retires in June and Ms. Townsend, who is known as "Penny," will assume her new duties in July. Currently, Ms. Townsend is dean of faculty at The Taft School in Watertown, Conn. She will be The Pennington School's first female head of school.

A 1979 graduate of the University of Connecticut, Ms. Townsend earned a bachelor's degree with honors in history with a specialization in Latin American studies and a minor in Spanish literature. She was a teaching assistant in the Department of Romance Languages at the University of Connecticut during the academic year following her graduation. In 1986, she earned a master's degree in Spanish language and literature from the Middlebury College Spanish School. She taught at Northfield Mount Hermon School for three years before joining the faculty at Taft in 1983.

Stephanie G. Townsend

Ms. Townsend became Taft's dean of faculty in 2001. As such, she has been responsible for recruiting and hiring the Taft faculty; revising and administering the faculty evaluation system; managing the annual professional development and graduate study budget; working with faculty members to determine academic, residential, extracurricular, and athletic responsibilities; and administering new teacher orientation and faculty mentoring programs.

"We are impressed with the credentials and experience Penny Townsend will bring to Pennington, as well as with her friendly and engaging personality," said Dr. John L. McGuire, president of the board of trustees. "Lyle Rigg has provided the essential leadership, experience, and vision that have brought the School into a new era, and we believe the School community will continue to thrive in the coming years under Ms. Townsend's leadership."

Mr. Rigg announced his plans to retire at the end of this academic year last October. He has been headmaster at Pennington since 1998; he had previously served as headmaster of The American School in Switzerland (TASIS) and, more recently, of TASIS England American School.

At both Northfield Mount Hermon and later at Taft, Ms. Townsend taught all levels of Spanish, headed a dormitory, and coached girls' sports. A year into her tenure at Taft, she became dean of the upper middle class (juniors), a post she held for eight years. In 1992 she became director of the Modern Language Learning and Resource Center, directing the design, planning, installation, and function of the audio/visual computer language laboratory. The following year she took on additional duties as head of the department of modern languages, coordinating departmental hiring and evaluation, curriculum development, and budgetary decisions for a faculty teaching five languages.

Ms. Townsend directed The Taft Summer School, as well, from 1996 to 2001, managing the academic, residential, athletic, and extracurricular program for over 150 boarding students and a residential faculty of 45.

Ms. Townsend and her husband, J. Michael Townsend III, have two children: Emily, who will graduate from Boston College in May and will begin teaching at Greenwich (Conn.) Country Day School in September, and Charlie, a Taft senior who will enroll at Middlebury College in the fall.

HomeFront's Educational Success Director Melva Moore (at back) with students at a recent Strengthening Families Program graduation ceremony at the Mercer County organization's Family Preservation Center in Ewing. Ms. Moore has been recognized by the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected, and Missing Children and the Cherish the Children Foundation for her service to the homeless children of Mercer County. For more information about HomeFront, call (609) 989-9417, or visit www.homefrontnj.org.

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combination of commercial, open space, and retail use, is located in the Township.

Even though the use seems to be universally accepted, last Tuesday's main issues concerned the impact of housing, building density, and commercial use.

"I want to challenge you to be visionaries," said MacLean Street resident Kevin Wilkes. An architect who works with Princeton Future, he prefaced his remarks to Borough Concil by saying he was not speaking on behalf of the community-based group that examines in-town development. Mr. Wilkes warned that greater building density on the hospital site, as well as planned housing on Palmer Square and the potential redevelopment of the Merwick Care Center site on Bayard Lane, could put stress on the John-Witherspoon neighborhood.

One of the major obstacles plaguing both municipalities, however, is the need to make sure that there is a mix of affordable housing and accessible housing for the community's dwindling senior population. The necessity of putting up dense housing to accommodate those needs was outlined early in the Planning Board's exploration of Master Plan amendments. Current estimates for housing on the hospital redevelopment envision up to 280 units. Additionally, the Master Plan encourages a "density bonus" increase up to 320 units if one-bedroom, age-restricted units are provided without an increase in the development's floor-to-area ratio (FAR).

According to a report submitted to the members of Borough Council by Planning Director Lee Solow, the current affordable housing plan allows the Borough credit for 48 units of age-restricted affordable housing.

Commercial use was also at tssue with members of Council. The Master Plan calls for no more than 180 feet of non-residential development along Witherspoon Street with no non-residential use fronting Franklin Avenue. According to the Master Plan, except for a restaurant, non-residential use should be limited to 3,000 square feet, with the maximum amount of non-residential development falling within 4 and 6 percent of total new development.

Council members David Goldfarb and Wendy Benchley encouraged commercial space in any new development because it could potentially curb an increase in driving.

However, Marvin Reed, chairman of the Planning Board's Master Plan Subcommittee, said that any new development should not be too retail-oriented and that it should favor the new and surrounding neighborhoods.

A draft zoning ordinance is expected to be reviewed by Council by June. The hospital is expected to begin construction on its new, $350 million facility on the FMC Corp. site in Plainsboro as early as spring 2007. Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS, encouraged Council to act by January; otherwise, he said, delays could result.

Finally, Council agreed to address the issue of maintaining a type of non-emergency care facility on the current hospital site at a later date, per the findings of a municipal task force charged to examine the possibility.

—Matthew Hersh

ONE-HANDED SHOPPING: Anne Nadelson shopping for clothes while Jasper takes a nap at Saturday's Waldorf School of Princeton May Fair. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Prom Night Fun Continues With Post-Prom Party

The high school prom is a milestone for most American teenagers, an occasion that marks the impending end of high school in a grown-up setting.

According to several studies, prom night often involves under-age drinking and incidents of drunken driving.

While Princeton High School (PHS) has not seen any alcohol-related prom night fatalities in recent years, parents have taken steps to protect their children in the wee hours of Saturday morning (May 20) by organizing an alcohol and drug-free post prom party to take place from 12:30 a.m. through 3 a.m. in the high school gym.

The "Fire and Ice," themed party will follow the prom on Friday, May 19. Activities will include sport challenge games, casino games run by professional dealers, a DJ and music spinner. There will be food and prizes, including a DVD, TV, cash and other items for students randomly drawn from those attending the party.

A secure coat closet will provide students coming straight from the prom the opportunity to change into more casual attire and to store their formal wear.

The organizers hope that the event will replace privately hosted post-prom parties and students and their dates are encouraged to attend, even if they do not attend the prom. The event is free to all juniors, seniors and their guests.

Funding for the event has been provided by parents and businesses, including Mystique Hair & Skin (a free hair style for one student) Jordan's Gift Shop, Alchemist & Barrister, Forrest Jewelers, Cranbury Arts Council, Cranbury Lodge, and other Princeton and Cranbury area businesses.

For more information on the post prom party, contact committee co-chairs Diane Golomb at (609) 683-1875 or Carrie Strasbuger at (609) 924-3110.

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PLANNING FUN IN THE WEE SMALL HOURS: Student organizers of the post-prom party that will take place in the early morning hours of Saturday, May 20, from 12:30 a.m. through 3 a.m., in the Princeton High School gym. From left: Amy Golomb, Grant Schoffelen, Taylor Strasburger, James Beslity, Peter Asmuth, Kyle Novak, Mohamed Eladawy, Catherine Mann, and Rachel Crowther.

Police Blotter

A Jefferson Street resident was burglarized in the afternoon while working in the yard. Both the front and back doors were locked and there is no sign of forced entry. Victim believes the thief entered through a side door. Jewelry and money were taken from the master bedroom. There are no suspects in this incident.

Cash was stolen from locked lockers at the New York Sports Club on the afternoon of May 5. The locker doors were accessed leaving no signs of forced entry. The Club's manager said that five individuals reported money stolen. There are no suspects in the case, but it remains under investigation.

Princeton resident, John Freeman, was arrested on drinking while intoxicated charges. He was pulled over because he had a headlight out and for traveling too slow on Rosedale Road. He smelled of alcohol, causing the officer to test his sobriety. He was released to a friend, pending a court date.

Rescue Report

On Saturday morning, May 6, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded for a 20-year-old male suffering back pain. The patient reported he had fallen down the stairs the prior evening and landed on his tailbone. When he awoke the next morning, he stood up, but the pain was so intense that it caused him to pass out, fall and hit his head. He was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

That afternoon, the Squad responded for an 87-year-old woman who may have suffered a stroke. According to reports, she was last seen on a couch the previous evening, and when family members looked for her the next afternoon, she was still in the same position. Assessment of the patient showed slurred speech, facial droop, and one-sided weakness. She was rushed to UMCP for treatment.

Later Saturday evening, the Squad responded to the Princeton University Infirmary for an intoxicated 20-year-old female. The staff reported the patient had a dangerously high blood alcohol level and an assessment showed her to be disoriented. She was transported to UMCP for evaluation and treatment. The Squad transported six patients with alcohol intoxication to the hospital during the week.

On Thursday, May 11, the Squad's Special Services unit was requested twice in less than an hour and a half. The vehicle, which carries equipment for mass casualty incidents and firefighter rehabilitation, was first dispatched to a structure fire in Ewing. Later, the unit was sent to West Windsor to rehabilitate firefighters battling a brush fire at the Sarnoff Corporation.

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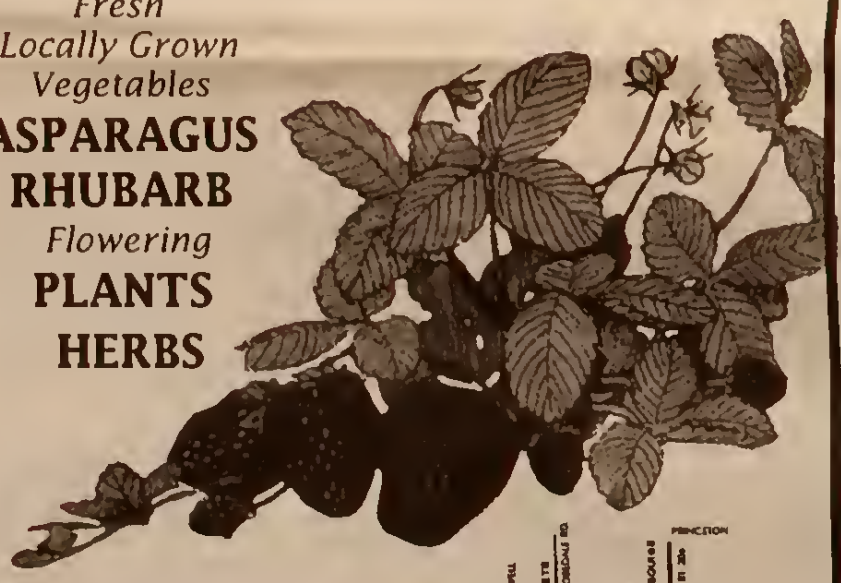

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Rotary Club of Princeton Readies Annual Breakfast

The Rotary Club of Princeton will hold its annual "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast during the Memorial Day festivities in Palmer Square on Saturday, May 27th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and coffee. Music and entertainment will also be on hand for all to enjoy.

Tickets will be available for $10 or may be purchased in advance for $8 at the Charles Schwab office at 132 Nassau Street in Princeton or by contacting Diane Stein at (609) 497-3615. Proceeds will benefit Rotary Student Scholarships and Community Projects.

The Princeton Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders whose mission is to provide humanitarian service, and to perpetuate goodwill and peace. There are approximately 1.2 million members of more than 31,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 165 countries.

Issued its charter by Rotary International in 1942, the Rotary Club of Princeton, New Jersey is a not-for-profit organization of nearly 100 members who meet for lunch almost every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Nassau Inn in Palmer Square.

3 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 3 births to area residents during the week of May 15.

Daughters were born to Suzanne Lehrer and Jonathan Lebouef, Princeton, May 4; Cecilia and Stephen Carey, Lawrenceville, May 5; and Wendy and Jorge Orantes, Princeton, May 8.

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¼ cup organic extra virgin olive oil
1 tsp minced garlic
1 cup mixed fresh organic herbs, choose from: dill, chervil, basil, tarragon, sage, thyme, oregano, marjoram and mint
1 tblsp organic butter
Sea salt
Freshly ground black pepper

1. Cook pasta until al dente. Drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, in a small pan combine olive oil and garlic and heat gently until garlic begins to color. Remove pan from heat.
3. Wash and mince herbs.
4. Cut butter into small pieces and place in the bottom of a large bowl. Add herbs and olive oil-garlic mixture. Add pasta and toss well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics

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The **Rotary Club of Princeton** will hold its annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 27 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Palmer Square. Proceeds will benefit Rotary student scholarships and community projects.

Tickets will be $10 at the event or $8 in advance at the Charles Schwab office, 132 Nassau Street.

For more information, call Diane Stein at (609) 497-3615.

The **Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance** (PADA) will meet on Thursday, June 1 at noon in the Community Room of the Township Municipal Complex.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** will meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Princeton University's Jadwin Physics Building for a talk by Dave Mara of Apple Computer on iLife '06 and Aperture.

All PMUG meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend.

PMUG is a club for Macintosh computer enthusiasts of all ages. Members share their interests, talents, and skills in the Macintosh environment so that others may benefit. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Seth Eberhardt at (908) 359-8851 or visit www.pmug-nj.org.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a Milonga, an Argentine Tango Social Dance, at the Princeton Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Saturday, May 27. A dance lesson will be offered from 8:15 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by dancing until midnight.

Admission will be $11, or $8 for students, and includes lesson and refreshments.

For more information or to volunteer, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

CLUBS

The dance club **Jersey Jumpers** will host a swing and Lindy Hop dance this Friday, May 19 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. No partner is required, and beginners are welcome.

A beginner lesson with Paul Salter will begin at 7:30 p.m., an intermediate lesson at 8 p.m.

Admission is $11 for adults, $8 for students, and covers lessons, open dancing, and snacks.

For more information, call (609) 683-9798 or visit www.jerseyjumpers.org.

The **Princeton Chapter No. 459 of AARP, Inc.,** will meet on Friday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Kingston Presbyterian Church.

The program will be "Container Gardening," presented by master gardener Larry

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Keynote Panel, *May 18, 8:00 p.m.*
Shirley Tilghman, Princeton University President
Lawrence Lessig, Professor of Law at Stanford Law School
Raymond Gilmartin, former CEO of Merck, Inc.

Plenary Address, *May 19, 1:30 p.m.*
Sérgio Sá Leitão, Secretary for Cultural Policies at the Ministry of Culture, Brazil

Panel Sessions, *May 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.*
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- The Construction Of Authorship
- Patents And Creativity
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Registration for the conference is strongly encouraged as space is limited for some events. For a complete schedule and to register, please visit:
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MAILBOX

Valentines of Food Drive Assisted Crisis Ministry and Area's Neediest

To the Editor:

Valentine's Day seems like a long time ago, but the fabulous Valentines of Food drive has continued to help hungry people in our area through the first week of May. Thanks to the generous gifts from the greater Princeton community and the amazing match to double the amount, The Crisis Ministry had a credit for $14,000 at McCaffrey's. The wonderful news is that the funds lasted for 3 months.

Since mid-February, The Crisis Ministry has provided 3,000 Mercer County households with nutritious food from these gifts. Each week we placed an order from McCaffrey's with the Valentine credit. The McCaffrey's staff made the entire experience a joy as they not only made the financial gift but also handled every food order with care. The Valentines of Food helped the most vulnerable citizens in the Princeton and Trenton areas. It also helped The Crisis Ministry use our funds to pay for other needs of our low-income neighbors, such as high utility bills and rent payments to prevent homelessness.

Thanks to all who made the food drive a three month success!

SALLY T. OSMER
Director
The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton

Merger of Town's Police Departments Seen as Costly, Inefficient, Redundant

To the Editor:

As a resident of Princeton Township, I am writing to lend my voice to those of the many citizens who have expressed with such clarity why the merger of the police departments of Princeton Township and Princeton Borough is a terrible idea.

That the idea has been vehemently opposed by many, including longtime residents and members of the Township Police Department, says something dramatic. From my perspective, the notion of the merger is a very bad idea due to the massive cost, inefficiency, and redundancy which the merger would entail; and, more importantly, because I feel that the Township residents would suffer degradation of the quality of policing they receive. I have been struck by the level of professionalism, responsiveness, and courtesy of the Princeton Township Police Department, and would hate to see those who live in the Township have that compromised in any way.

JOHN G. QUIGLEY
Winant Road

McCarter Theatre Concert Benefitted Relief Fund for New Orleans Musicians

To the Editor:

As you and your readers know, McCarter Theatre presented a special benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina Relief on Tuesday, May 9 featuring New Orleans' Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The net proceeds of the concert were donated to the New Orleans Musician Hurricane Relief Fund, established by Preservation Hall.

What you may not know is that McCarter received such incredible community support from area businesses (read: donated services) that the substantial Preservation Hall donation exceeded all estimates: over $28,000. For that we owe thanks not only to those who attended the concert but also to the real champion of the concert, McCarter's Special Programming Director Bill Lockwood.

This year, Preservation Hall is celebrating its 45th anniversary season. Mr. Lockwood has been programming for McCarter since the early 1960s, bringing Preservation Hall Jazz Band to McCarter for the past four decades. As you can see, these two institutions have a long history together! So the concert carried extra significance, because it reunited Bill Lockwood and Preservation Hall at the same time that it generated such significant support for the musicians of New Orleans.

The following businesses donated their services for the event: Business Bistro Catering, Hyatt Regency Princeton, Press Room, WXPN, Princeton University's Council on the Humanities, and Princeton's Department of Music and Program in Theatre and Dance.

On behalf of McCarter Theatre and the New Orleans Musician Hurricane Relief Fund, I thank them all for their support and consideration.

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Former Deputy Mayor Endorses Carver In June Primary for Township Committee

To the Editor:

As a former Deputy Mayor of Princeton Township, I write in strong support of Scott Carver in the Democratic primary for Township Committee on June 6.

Mr. Carver has impressive professional expertise in municipal law, has extensive community involvement through many volunteer activities (including service as president of the Princeton Community Democratic Organization), and has developed responsible approaches for dealing with the most pressing needs and concerns of our residents (see his web site, www.vote4carver.com).

Most important of all, Scott Carver is thoughtful, engaging, energetic, and resourceful. He would be a tremendous asset to this community as a member of the Princeton Township Committee.

STEVE FRAKT
Lake Drive

Sustainable Princeton Award Winners See Role as Model for National Effort

To the Editor:

The Whole Earth Center is honored to have received the Princeton Environmental Commission's First Annual Sustainable Princeton Leadership Award. Our deep gratitude goes to the Commission and to the Princeton-area residents who nominated us for this award. When we started 36 years ago, we never dreamed how far we as a nation and a community would have come in embracing organic agriculture, fair trade, reuse and recycling, and many of the other environmental and social issues that inspired our start.

But success has created new challenges. Increased demand for organic foods has led to the industrialization of organic agriculture which threatens the livelihood of many of the small to medium-sized farms that started this movement. Rising demand for environmentally friendly alternatives has led to rising confusion over which products and companies are truly green. And consolidation and standardization are bankrupting small businesses and homogenizing the American landscape. In the face of these challenges, we remain committed to being a store where Princeton residents can use their food dollars to support small-scale local organic farmers, reward farmers who commit to feeding their cattle only on grass never on grain, buy only cruelty-free body care products, reduce the miles that organic foods travel and the extensive packaging that accompanies it on that journey, and fund environmental education and activism within the local community.

Sustainability reflects a deep commitment to the health and well-being of future generations. Princeton, with our pedestrian friendly town center, fertile farmland, community of locally owned businesses, and forward-thinking residents and government, has the potential to become a national leader in sustainable living. The challenges are many, but we look forward to working with our community to make that dream a reality.

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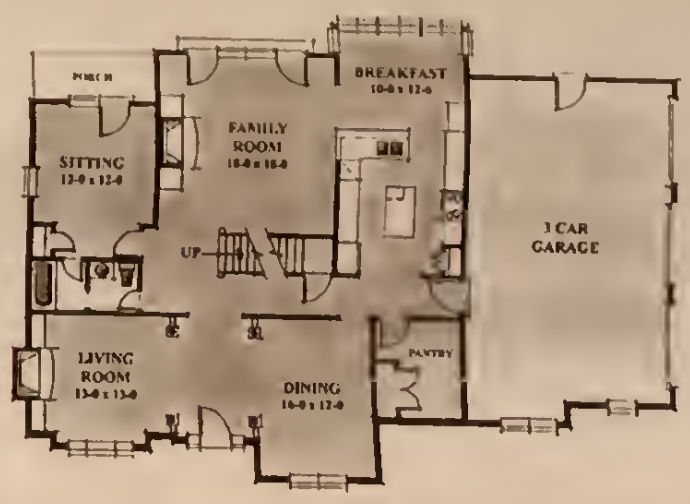

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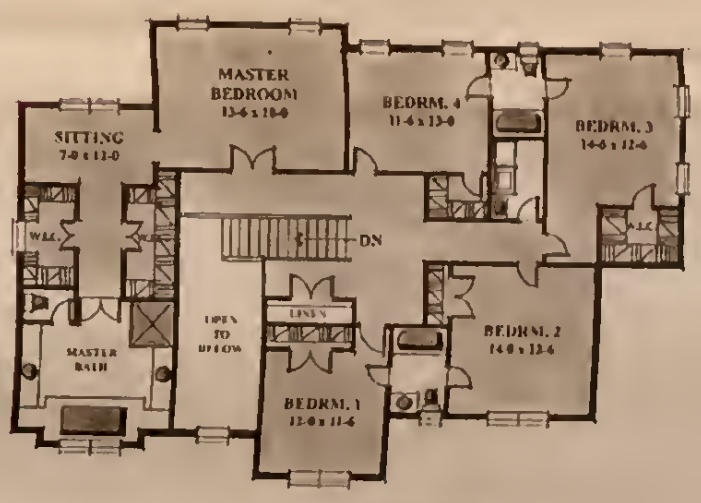

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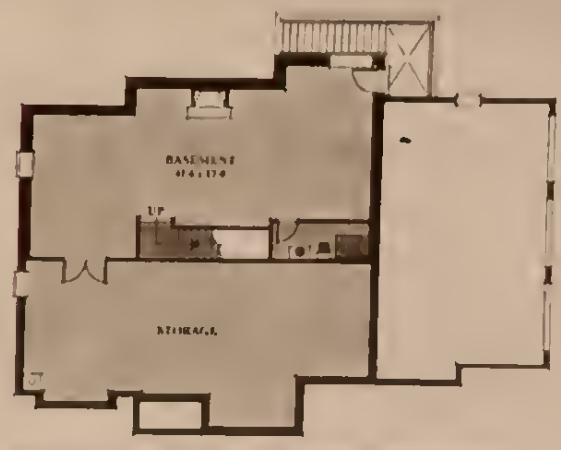

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Dr. Gonthar Rooda Helps the Elderly Regain Strength Through Exercise

Having lived to an advanced age does not mean one should become sedentary and out of shape, believes Dr. Gonthar Rooda. A chiropractor by profession, he has expanded his practice to include fitness training for older people.

"At an older age, being out of condition is a problem," says Dr. Rooda. "When people do nothing, there is a loss of muscle mass and bone mass. Weight lifting can help that. Old age can sometimes mean resignation and even despair, but it doesn't have to."

He is doing his best to offer positive alternatives. After opening his chiropractic practice in 1981, he realized that older people were often out of condition, and after studying the problem, he reasoned it was not inherent to being older, but rather a matter of too little activity.

IT'S NEW To Us

"Years ago, I opened an office in the fitness center at Princeton Shopping Center," explains Dr. Rooda, who was born in Holland and brought up in New Jersey. "I did fitness evaluations for their clients, and fitness became an issue for me. I was always active, but now I started working out too. Fitness became integrated with my chiropractic work for my patients."

Special Needs

Seven years ago, he moved his office to 759 State Road, and two years later, he added a fitness program for the elderly. "I wanted to expand my practice into optimum health and wellness," he explains. "It became more than chiropractic. I believe that if people are active and fit, eat right, like what they do, they will feel better, and live longer.

"A major problem in terms of health for old people is depression," he adds. "This can be a result of a combination of things: physical problems—something hurts—they may be widowed, they aren't active, and don't see other people often. There is a lack of stimulation. Also, older people don't have the role models for exercise. Being elderly has special needs.

"All of these pieces began to gel for me, and I wanted to help people with an exercise program. I even coined the phrase, 'Eldercise'. Exercising increases blood pressure to the brain, so that people can both think better and feel better.

"A study was done on older rats," continues Dr. Rooda, "and they were found to be overweight, out of shape, very sedentary, and passive. Then, they were put into an enriched environment that stimulated their interest with mazes and climbing apparatus. They became much more active. I look upon exercise as enrichment."

Last year, Dr. Rooda took the first step in establishing Second Wind, a non-profit foundation to offer exercise and fitness training to older people. He is hoping the organization will have legal status within the year.

In the meantime, he has set up a section of his office as an exercise center, complete with treadmill, exercise bike, Stairmaster, free weights, balance beam, large balance balls, and small weighted juggling balls.

One-On-One

For the past five years, he has worked with people typically 70 and older (including those 90-plus) in hourly one-on-one private sessions. "It's a very personalized, individualized program," he explains. "People like the privacy, and we do leg exercises, lift weights, and stretch, which is very important.

"Another exercise is juggling weighted balls which develops reflexes, strengthens the forearms, adds grip strength, and increases hand-eye coordination. Sometimes, this is done sitting on the exercise ball. It's fun—you have to make it interesting and fun for people."

Men and women are equally involved in the program, he reports, and ideally, they come three to five times a week. Some come twice a week, and even once a week is better than nothing, he says.

Both, he and his clients are enthusiastic about the improvement that can occur. "They really feel better with the help of this program, and the real miracle is that they see that life can be different for them. After all, who you are today is what you did yesterday to become that way."

When good results are visible, clients are motivated to do more, adds Dr. Rooda. "To see your life change, you have to change mentally, as well as physically. You have to be willing to see your life differently, and this is what can be so exciting to see happen. It changes their lives."

Because his programs are all individually designed, special conditions, such as arthritis, injuries, etc., can be taken into consideration. In addition, Dr. Rooda is very interested in nutrition, and eventually hopes to have a nutritionist at the Second Wind Foundation. "Malnutrition is a huge issue among the elderly, and we want to address this. Also, once the foundation is officially set up, we can offer a sliding payment scale for patients.

Balance Center

"In our five-year plan, we also hope to have a separate balance center. One of the things that can accompany loss of muscle mass is problems with balance. Older people don't balance as well as they used to. We work on this now with the balance beam and balance balls."

Dr. Rooda looks forward to seeing Second Wind Foundation become a reality, so that he can help even more people. "I want to reach a larger audience and become a mainstay in the Princeton area. I like people, and I like old people. They have had interesting, productive lives, have stories to tell, and are so enthusiastic when they improve and feel better.

"Also, older people are a tremendous resource in terms of our economy. People can continue to contribute at all ages. This can be a very creative time for them.

"Life should be like a candle that burns brightly until the end. It should not go out gradually. I'm looking for people who will live to be 100!" he says, smiling.

Dr. Rooda's hours are by appointment. 609-921-6056.

BASIC BALANCING: "A lot of what we call aging is really being out of shape. If people have trouble going up stairs or if they are falling, they can be out of shape. With conditioning, that can be changed." Dr. Gonthar Rooda juggles weighted balls as he sits on the balance ball in his office.

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Sparkle Emporium of Princeton Offers Gifts and Home Accessories

GRACIOUS GIFTS: "I'm surrounded by things I like, and I love to come to work. I love coming in each day!" Wendy Hersh, owner of Sparkle Emporium, is very enthusiastic about her new shop. She is shown near a selection of artwork and other items in the store's eclectic collection of gifts and home accessories.

The door is open, and the welcome mat is out at Sparkle Emporium of Princeton. Customers are lining up to see the latest additions at this charming new shop.

Opened April 2 at 16 Witherspoon Street, Sparkle Emporium offers an appealingly eclectic selection of gifts and accessories, hand-chosen by owner Wendy Hersh.

"I think we are set apart by the uniqueness of everything in the store," she points out. "You won't find what we have at Target or in other places. For example, I have champagne flutes from Venice and jewelry from Madrid, as well as special artwork and jewelry from area artists and designers."

Born and reared in England, Ms. Hersh came to the U.S. eight years ago, and worked in a management position in Manhattan. After she married, she and her husband relocated to Princeton, and she knew this was the place for her. "I fell in love with Princeton! And I knew I wanted to have a shop featuring gifts and home accessories. This location became available, and this is a wonderful street, with all the independently-owned shops and restaurants."

As customers enter Sparkle Emporium, they immediately notice the refreshing and subtle fragrance emanating from within. Not overpowering, it is just enough to be very inviting, as are the store's decor and displays.

Although a small shop, there is an avoidance of clutter and a comfortable sense of space, part of the tranquil ambiance, reinforced throughout by the signature colors of green and chocolate brown.

Decor and Displays

"I want women with strollers, or people in wheelchairs to get around easily," says Ms. Hersh, who designed the decor and displays in the shop. "It's important to have a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere for people."

Indeed, browsing or buying is fun at Sparkle Emporium. Everywhere you turn, there is something to catch the eye. Soap and soap dishes, candles and candleholders, potpourri and planters share the shelves with vases, cachepots, stemware, jewelry, and baby items.

"Our porcelain really sells well, and it is a wonderful gift," reports Ms. Hersh. "The vases and planters have been very popular, and our outdoor candleholders, ('garden vessels'), which are very seasonal, can double as a planter once the candle has burned. Orange peel potpourri, candlesticks, and martini glasses are big sellers, and the glasses, especially, are a great wedding gift.

"Our little soaps and candles—many with green tea and ginger fragrance; green tea is a very calming scent—are wonderful hostess gifts, and we have fun wine stoppers with little charms at $15. I've tried to keep a nice price range," she adds. "We have things from $4.50 on up to $500—for a wonderful handmade mosaic plant stand. And many items are from $35 to $65."

Another very popular item at the shop is the horizontal wooden sugar mold candle holder from Mexico, which is a perfect setting lor several votive candles.

Lovely Egyptian cotton Jacquard fingertip towels are buttery soft at $6, and large towels are also available.

One-of-a-Kind

Sparkle Emporium features a baby section, with assorted irresistible items, including blankets, bookends, hangers, little plaques in pink or blue motif to hang on the door, and adorable soft teddy bears, from $4.50.

The jewelry selection is also attracting customers, who are particularly intrigued by the handmade, one-of-a-kind pieces from a Pennington designer, says Ms. Hersh. Rings and earrings are special favorites, as are the bracelets and necklaces, at $60 and up. In addition, fun, colorful domino pendants, from $25, are in demand by young girls and teens.

Ms. Hersh is delighted that she has had so many repeat customers in such a short time. Word-of-mouth has been prevalent, and she adds that the number of male customers has been a surprise.

"I think they like the nice choices, and also the complimentary gift packaging, which is really beautiful in chocolate brown and citrus green. A man was in just the other day for a Mother's Day gift. They often like to get candles and candlesticks, and also the gift baskets have been a great idea. They have been especially popular for Mother's Day. They could include a cachepot, orange peel potpourri, faux lemons, a yellow vase, citrus candles, tea light holders, and spa slippers, among other possibilities."

Perfect Place

The cachepots, in particular, have been very big sellers, she adds. At $35, they are available in yellow, green, and pink, with cherry blossom accent.

Sparkle Emporium is the perfect place for a wedding, hostess, or all-occasion gift, and gift certificates will also be available. "In addition, we have a 'Loyalty Program,'" says Ms. Hersh. "When customers spend $250, they get five percent off here. At $500, I will provide them with a manicure at Onyx, across the street, and at $1,000, they will receive a manicure and pedicure. Also, anyone who refers a friend will get a 15 percent discount coupon. Another thing that is important to me is that a portion of all our proceeds goes to SAVE."

Providing customers with the personal service and particular items they are seeking is an important priority for Ms. Hersh. "Customers make suggestions of things they'd like to have, and I try to get them. I go to gift shows every six months, and I get new merchandise every two weeks. The challenge really is keeping things on the shelves. I am constantly reordering."

Most of all, she wants people to feel welcome at her shop, she says. "I want customers to feel very comfortable here. I want them to know my name, and know that they can count on the service. I really enjoy talking to people and finding out what they like. People are responding so positively. I opened at five minutes to 10 yesterday, and someone was already waiting.

"I'm really looking forward to the holiday season, to all the gift shows, and to being here," she continues, "I want to be a part of the community and a part of people's lives here."

Sparkle Emporium is open Monday 11 to 6, Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday 12 to 5. 609-252-0909. Website: www.sparkleemporium.com

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BOOKS

Ground Zero Relief Work Described in New Book

Trenton resident and mental health clinician Kathryn Bedard has written a book based on the journals she kept as a volunteer guiding families of New Jersey 9/11 victims through Ground Zero. *Compassion and Courage in the Aftermoth of Troumatic Loss: Stones in My Heort Forever* (The Haworth Press $19.95/$39.95 paper/hardcover) offers both an objective behind-the-scenes view of disaster response and a subjective memoir detailing the emotional and psychological impact of the author's daily voyages from the Family Assistance Center at Liberty State Park in Jersey City to the World Trade Center site. The period covered is from September 19 through December 2001.

Advance responses call the book "a unique look at the tragedy of 9/11" and "a valuable resource for all clinicians studying posttraumatic experience."

Kathryn Bedard

In Human Services since 1972, Ms. Bedard has been a faculty member of the Rutgers School of Alcohol and Drug Studies, providing day training classes and summer school. She has also developed numerous courses on anxiety, burnout, stress management, and meditation. Her husband, Fred Bedard, is the proprietor of the Shear Madness Hair Salon in Hopewell.

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Each poet will read for 20 minutes, followed by an open mic session. The 7:30 p.m. program will be held in the first floor Community Room.

The former poet laureate of New Jersey, Mr. Stern is the author of 14 books of verse including, *This Time: New and Selected Poems*, which won the National Book Award in 1998. His most recent collection, *Everything Is Burning*, was published last year. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Lamont Poetry Prize and the Ruth Lilly Prize. He was also the first Poet Laureate of New Jersey, serving from 2000 to 2002. In 2005, he was awarded the Wallace Stevens Award.

A performance poet, playwright, and actress, Ms. Robinson was the winner of the 2001 Arts Council of Princeton Poetry Slam and has performed in numerous venues throughout New York and New Jersey. She is currently developing a play about the diversity within the African diaspora based on interviews she is conducting with people of African descent living around the world.

The U.S. 1 Poets Invite, which marked its second anniversary last month, brings some of the region's top poets to Princeton Public Library for monthly readings and open mic sessions. Co-sponsored by the library and U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, the series is coordinated by poet and editor Ellen Foos. The series continues on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m., when Betty Lies and Richard St. John will read in the Community Room.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

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Cool Women Poets Sing Nature, "Body Electric"

The Princeton University Store has granted a Snow Day to Princeton's Cool Women Poets, Saturday, May 20 in recognition of the blizzard that canceled their annual Valentine's Day appearance. The 4 p.m. reading will feature "Cool Women, Forces of Nature." The U-Store is at 36 University Place, Princeton.

The next day, Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture at 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton welcomes the Cools for their fourth annual celebration of May and Whitman: "Cool Women Sing the Body Electric." Foods and wines will be available at the adjacent café, courtesy of Chez Alice. The fee to enter Grounds is $8 for adults and $7 students.

Cool Women's new member, Juditha Dowd, of Stockton, New Jersey debuted at Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton, as well as the annual Poetry Month Cool Women appearance at Barnes & Noble Marketfair. Charter Cool Penelope Schott, will fly in from her Oregon home for May's readings.

Cool Women Poems, Volume III was released in April of 2005, recouping its publication costs within less than a month. Volume I sold out. Volumes II and III will be available, signed by all present at both May appearances. They are also available online on-line at Barnes & Noble, http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbnInquiry.asp?z=y=0970781229=4.

Members are Eloise Bruce, Juditha Dowd, Carolyn Foote Edelmann, Joyce Greenberg Lott, Lois Marie Harrod, Betty Bonham Lies, Judith Michaels and Penelope Scambly Schott.

Author of Canal Books Will Talk on D & R Canal

"Rails Along the D & R Canal" will be the topic of Bill McKelvey's illustrated talk at the annual meeting of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Watch at 2 p.m.on Sunday, May 21, at the Lawrence Municipal Building, 2207 Route 206 immediately south of its intersection with I-295.

One of the premier authorities on canals and railroads in New Jersey and the author of two books on canals (including a pictorial history of the D & R Canal), Mr. McKelvey is expected to cover the historic and modern railroads and trolley lines that crossed or paralleled the canal, as well as the bridges that carried them over the canal. This is the second part of his series of talks on the relationship of railroads and the canal that began at last year's meeting. This talk will focus on the canal feeder from Trenton to Stockton.

Mr. McKelvey has been working for nearly 15 years with other enthusiastis to establish a transportation heritage center for New Jersey. He has led numerous society tours to Europe and is an expert on historic vessels of the East Coast and inland waterways

The talk is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, call (609) 924-2683. The nonprofit D & R Canal Watch helps promote, enhance, and preserve the D & R Canal State Park.

Local Author's New Book Offers New Look at Cancer

The Key to Cancer: What We Understand, We Can Deal With (Hoaloha Books $14), a book by surgeon and Lawrenceville resident Richard S. Weeder, is geared toward answering the two most common questions asked by the cancer patient: what caused it and what can be done about it?

Along with Kevin Gibson, Michael Traub, and the faculty of the Aloha Cancer Education Institute, Mr. Weeder has produced a book not just for the cancer patient but, more particularly, for the patient whose cancer is out of control. According to Mr. Weeder, the thesis is that cancer is not the cause of illness, "but rather a lapse in the complex mechanisms of immunity, energy and spirit that ordinarily protect us."

There are chapters on recent developments, the naturopathic approach, cancer and exercise, panoramic cancer care and yoga, massage therapy, oriental medicine's role in treatment, attitudinal healing, and meditation.

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Sharing and Coordination of Public Safety Services: I will work to ensure that any consolidation of public safety services, such as emergency dispatch services, will result in a cost sharing formula that gives the Township credit for the Investments made in its updated and enhanced equipment and facilities. Also, I support the creation of a Joint Emergency Response Manager position that has been recommended by the Princeton Regional Health Commission.

I have enjoyed being involved in my community. Princeton Recreation Youth Summer Basketball League Coach . Princeton Environmental Commission . SPRAB/PEC Liaison . PCDO President . St. Paul's Church PreCana Ministry Team . Arts Council Communiversity Volunteer . Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day Parade Volunteer

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Ideas Come Together in Unlikely Places For Modern Russian Master Gennady Spirin

A small art exhibition in the Manor House Gallery and Special Collection Library of the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart features a selection of watercolor book illustrations and other works by Princeton resident Gennady Spirin, whose art illustrates Russian folktales, classic fairytales and Bible stories, as well as tales from Shakespeare, Chekhov, and Tolstoy, among others—not to mention recent works by celebrity authors Julie Andrews and Madonna.

Already well known in Russia, Germany, and England, Mr. Spirin came to the United States with his family in 1991, after being offered contracts by Philomel (*Snow White and Rose Red*) and Dial Books (*Boots and the Glass Mountain*).

Finding Princeton, the home of Philomel editor Ann Keay Beneduce, reminiscent of the small town where he had grown up, he made his home here. With Ms. Beneduce, he has worked on the Swift-inspired *Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput*, Tolstoy's *Philipok*, and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, as well as modern retellings of classic fairy tales such as *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

To these, as to all of his work, Mr. Spirin brings a wealth of learning and technique. As a graduate of Moscow's Surikov School of Fine Art and Stroganov Institute of Art, he has undertaken rigorous studies in figure painting and has spent countless hours in museums, galleries, and libraries poring over works of reference in architecture and costume design. It is his deep knowledge and appreciation of these that underpin his multi-layered illustrations and page designs with authenticity.

Research

This is an area he is determined not to skimp. "It is absolutely necessary, for every book," he said in an interview last week. "Some artists might think they know enough to represent an era from their own memories and imagination but this is not a serious approach. I know costumes, believe me, but even I can be surprised."

He is always on the lookout for the one small detail—an element of architectural design or a small vignette, for example—that will hold the key to the composition of a painting or to the design of an entire book.

The work of a book illustrator, he said, can be compared to that of a Renaissance artist working on a commission for a fresco. The challenge is to create a work that is circumscribed by the architecture of the building or the architecture of the book.

"Illustration tackles the same set of problems," he said. "A book has a certain volume and architecture that one must work within. An illustration must relate seamlessly to the text to create one architectural ensemble."

In *Simeon's Gift* (HarperTrophy, 2006), the story of an unhappy minstrel seeking the meaning of life that he illustrated for Julie Andrews, Mr. Spirin's illustrations are framed in circles, known as "tondos" in Renaissance Italian art. In *The Tempest*, his illustrations take the shape of panels that would not seem out of place in a Renaissance church.

"The style of the work comes out of the specific book," he commented. If a story is set in the 18th century, he will work in a baroque or rococo style, for example, matching his work to the period of the story.

For *Yokov and the Seven Thieves* (Viking Books, 2004), authored by Madonna, the artist drew upon his knowledge of 19th century costume and character to illustrate the tale in a Dickensian manner.

THE ARTIST AT HOME: Noted for his meticulously researched and exquisitely executed watercolor illustrations, Gennady Spirin enjoyed his grandmother's retellings of classic Russian folktales as a child. Perhaps because he was born on Christmas day, 1948, the artist resembles no one more than the genial Kris Kringle. His work is currently on view in a small exhibition at the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart. *(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)*

For Tolstoy's *Philipok*, his watercolors exude old-world charm rich in the detail of traditional Russian peasant dress. This book also bears an image of Tolstoy that shows Mr. Spirin's skill as a miniature portrait painter.

Making no distinction between artists who paint and artists who illustrate, he describes himself as an artist who illustrates. As such he particularly enjoys the challenge of classic tales. "Good literature demands good artistry," he said.

He claims that it is no more challenging to illustrate Shakespeare than Tolstoy. "Culture has no borders," he said. "Russian writers belong to America just as much as the great American writers belong to Russia."

At Home

When I met him for an interview at his home, he offered me tea and gallantly attempted to answer my questions in English before his translator/publicist and fellow-Russian Tatiana Popova arrived to facilitate the encounter.

"I cannot explain you everything in English," said Mr. Spirin. "I'm sorry."

Asked about his method of work, he said that it's often while attending soccer games and practices with his 13-year-old son Andrei, that ideas for a project click into place.

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Mr. Spirin coaches his son and goes to training sessions with him. "At first glance these are two completely unlinkable activities, and yet sometimes at an outdoor game I will be attracted to some small detail of nature," he said. "A lot can develop from a little observation."

He works in a room of his home that it seems inappropriate to call a studio. In spite of the easel, there is little to distinguish it as the room of a working artist. Like other rooms of his home, it bears elements reminiscent of Russia with books and framed originals by the artist.

When working, he becomes totally absorbed—a process that he likens to an actor immersing himself in a role.

In general, Mr. Spirin prefers to work in the late evening after his wife Raisa and their three sons, Ilya, Gennady, and Andrei have gone to bed.

At 29, Ilya, his oldest son is also pursuing a career in art. "It is difficult when there are too many artists in the family," said Mr. Spirin, who is happy that only one of his sons is pursuing the artist's life.

Artwork

His signature style combines contemporary art technique with the great traditions of the Renaissance. This is illustration as a fine art and reviewers invariably resort to comparisons with Dutch and Italian masters. His technical ability has been likened to that of Albrecht Durer.

Dale Roylance, a former curator at Yale and Princeton universities has compared Mr. Spirin's work to that of Ivan Bilibin (1876-1942), the illustrator of tales from Russian folklore and designer of costumes and stage sets for *The Golden Cockerel* and *The Firebird* ballets. Artwork by Bilibin, is currently on display at the Princeton University Art Museum's *Mir Iskusstvo: Russio's Age of Elegance*, on loan from the State Museum of St. Petersburg.

"Both artists worked with costume design and richly decorative Russian fabrics," writes Mr. Roylance in commentary to the Princeton Academy exhibit.

Since Mr. Spirin's arrival in the United States, Mr. Roylance has detected new influences. In *Martho* (Philomel Books, 2005), for example, he sees the influence of N.C. Wyeth's Brandywine School.

Set in the artist's Moscow home, the illustrations in *Martho* reveal other influences, too: the Italian Renaissance artist Giotto, Holbein's portrait of Henry the Eighth as a young boy, among them.

Historically authentic details are emblematic of Spirin's work, notes Mr. Roylance, who believes that the artist has a special gift for miniature portrait painting as seen in his portraits of Shakespeare and Tolstoy.

International Fame

With more than 40 illustrated children's books to his credit, five of which have been awarded the Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators in New York City and four have received the New York Times' "The Best Illustrated Book of the Year," Mr. Spirin's work has brought him international renown and many awards, including the Golden Apple of the Bratislava International Biennale of children's book illustration, the First Prize for Illustration at the Barcelona International Children's Book Fair, and the Premio Grafico at the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

His books include *The Christmas Story* (Henry Holt & Company, 1998), *The Easter Story: According to the Gospels of Motthew, Luke & John from the King Jomes Bible* (Henry Holt & Company, 1999), *The Tole of the Firebird* (Philomel Books, 2002), *Moses: The Long Rood to Freedom* (Orchard Books, 2004), and *A Apple Pie* (Philomel Books, 2005).

In addition, Mr. Spirin has worked on commission for various local organizations including the Princeton Alumni Weekly for which he created a reunion illustration, "Princeton University in the Spring," showing Alexander Hall and Nassau Hall.

Mr. Spirin will sign copies of his books at the Princeton Academy Parents Association (PAPA) Spring Bookfair on Friday, May 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Jennifer Morgan, the author of *Born With o Bang* will also be conducting a book-signing.

The exhibition is open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart is located at 101 Drake's Corner Road. For more information, call (609) 924-8148.

—Linda Arntzenius

SELF PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST WITH CROW: Gennady Spirin often includes self portraits and portraits of family members in his illustrations. The model for his illustrations of the Tolstoy story, 'Philipok,' for example, was his youngest son, Andrei and the artist was himself the model for his portrait of 'Tsar Saltan' by Alexander Pushkin. Here he is seen in the affectionate family story, 'Martha.'

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EQUIPOISE: This bronze sculpture by Mark Pettegrow will be on view in "Equipoise: New Work from the Studio" at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown through July 3. There will be a reception for the artist on Wednesday, May 24, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Wine and cheese will be served at the event, which is free, and includes an informal walk through the exhibition with Mr. Pettegrow; gallery admission is not included.

Tour of Artist's Studio Planned by Arts Council

The Arts Council of Princeton will be presenting a tour of the studio of Nancy Staub Laughlin from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at 255 Province Line Road (between Cherry Valley Road and Rt. 518) in Skillman.

According to Princeton Art Critic and Historian Emeritus Sam Hunter, who will discuss Ms. Laughlin's work at 3:30 p.m.: "Nancy Staub Laughlin is drawn to an external world of form, color and texture that beckons to her highly individual and discerning eye."

Visitors are also invited to stroll the Laughlins' award-winning gardens, which are included in the Archives of the American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution.

Refreshments will be served. 30% of proceeds of all sales will go toward the Arts Council of Princeton's capital campaign.

For more information call (609) 924.8777, ext. 102 (no RSVP is necessary).

"THE CONFETTI OF SNOW," This 48" x 36" pastel by Nancy Staub Laughlin can be seen at the Arts Council of Princeton's tour of her studio of from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at 255 Province Line Road in Skillman.

Triumph Plans Exhibition Of Work by Wendy Vroom

An exhibit of photographs by local artist Wendy Vroom will be introduced from 7 to 9 p.m., May 23, with a reception at Princeton Triumph Brewing Company, 138 Nassau Street in downtown Princeton. The show will run through July 10. The reception is open to the public.

An exponent of macro photography, Ms. Vroom focuses on the brilliant florals that are at the center of many of her exhibits. "Shooting close enables me to bring forth visual details that may not ordinarily be noticed," she has said. "I am fascinated by the way a subject's elements interact, and I hope to share that vision through oversized images."

Ms. Vroom, who lives and works in Pennington, gained hands-on experience as an assistant to a well-known New York photographer early in her career.

She will have work in upcoming, nationally ranked juried art shows, including the American Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center, June 3–4 and 10–11; the Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh, June 16–18; and the Manayunk Arts Festival, June 24–25. She will also take part in the annual Princeton YWCA Crafters Marketplace.

For more information, call Wendy Vroom at (609) 439-7311 or Triumph at (609) 724-7585.

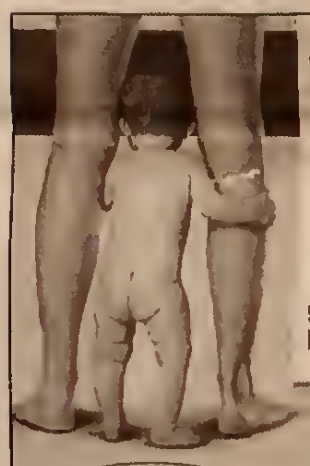
Art Show Opening At Lambertville Library

The Emotions Community Art Show opens at the Peggy Lewis Gallery at the Lambertville Public Library on Wednesday, May 24 and continues through June 17. The exhibition highlights the role that art plays, as a therapeutic tool, in prevention and education.

Local artists featured in the exhibition include Robert Beck, Jeanne Chesterton, Judy Henn, Marty Nelson, James Feehan, Jane Faraco, Judy Levinson, Alex Saharic, and a number of high school students from South Hunterdon and Delaware Valley Regional High Schools. Restaurants and local businesses have donated gift certificates for a silent auction.

Sponsored by the Delaware Valley and South County Municipal Alliances, the exhibition will benefit community programs in peer leadership, senior citizen substance awareness, parenting, and community awareness days, among others.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery is located on the second floor of the Lambertville Public Library, 6 Lilly Street, Lambertville. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 996-2132, ext. 2612, or (215) 348-3312.



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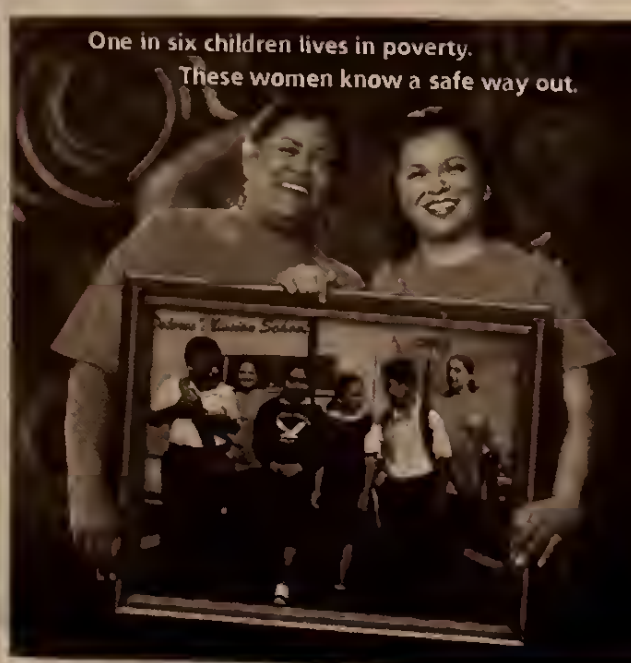

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"TEMPLE, 2006": This sculpture by Rein Triefeldt is part of the exhibition "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture," currently on view in the Toad Hall Shop & Gallery, adjacent to Rat's restaurant at Grounds for Sculpture. The exhibition continues through July 15. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is: adults $8; seniors and college students, $7; children under 12, $4. Grounds For Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. For more information, call (609) 586-2366, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org. *(Photo by Wojtec Naczas)*

"ORBITS, 2000": Jeff Kahn's sculpture is part of the exhibition "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture" currently on view in the Toad Hall Shop & Gallery, adjacent to Rat's restaurant at Grounds for Sculpture. The exhibition continues through July 15. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is: adults $8; seniors and college students, $7; children under 12, $4. Grounds For Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. For more information, call (609) 586-2366, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Arts Council Offering Varied Summer Classes

The Arts Council of Princeton is offering classes this summer for novices as well as experienced artists. Located in the new air-conditioned conTEMPORARY Arts Center in the Princeton Shopping Center, the Arts Council is offering adult classes in watercolor, ceramics, and dance.

In Watercolor: Plein Aire students will learn how to capture sunlight and shadow in outdoor settings. Students interested in Ceramics can explore the sculptural, decorative, and functional possibilities in clay. For those interested in dance, Beginning Adult Flamenco promises to give "body, mind, and soul a total workout."

The Arts Council will continue to have its non-instructional Opening Drawing Workshop this summer, giving artists the opportunity to work at their own pace with a live model.

During the summer break the Arts Council offers a variety all new classes for teens in printmaking, ceramics, drawing, writing, and even DJing. In Printmaking Without the Press, students will be introduced to printmaking without the limitations of a traditional press bed. They will use various techniques including monotypes, linoleum blocks, and photo transfers. Teen artists who are motivated to develop a professional drawing portfolio should take advantage of Portfolio Prep: Drawing Workshop. During this workshop, students will meet each day to receive in-depth instruction on how to enhance their overall drawing skills. Teens interested in learning how to work with clay can take Ceramics. Through weekly demonstrations they will learn hand building techniques, basic wheel throwing, and basic glaze application.

Another new addition to the Arts Council's class catalog is MixMaster 101 where students will study the musical art form of the DJ. Covering mixing, blending, scratching, and beat juggling this class runs the gamut of essential turntable and CD fundamentals. All equipment will be on site.

For those who enjoy writing, Growing a Story: A Writing Workshop for Teens will instruct students in techniques on how to create a story from scratch.

For children, in addition to the Arts Council's Summer camp program, the conTEMPORARY Arts center offers a Spanish Dance class for ages 6-12. Students will receive instruction in Flamenco, Folk, and Classical Spanish dance.

Classes are scheduled during both daytime hours and evenings. Scholarships for qualified students are available. For more information and descriptions of all the classes offered this Summer, visit the Arts Council's website at www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Registration can be made online or by mail as well as over the phone at (609) 924-8777. The conTEMPORARY Arts Center is located in the Princeton Shopping Center, next to Eckerd Pharmacy. There is plenty of free parking.

Mercer County Arts At Grounds For Sculpture

This Saturday, May 20, The Mercer County Arts Showcase will bring together scores of arts organizations from across the county, allowing visitors to Grounds for Sculpture an opportunity to learn of their programs and services.

Mercer County galleries and theaters, museums and music groups, artists and literary groups, local schools and colleges, will present their cultural efforts in the in the new Seward Johnson Center for the Arts at Grounds For Sculpture from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants include the Arts Council of Princeton, The College of New Jersey Art Department, Morven Museum and Gardens, Passage Theater, the Princeton Artists Alliance, Trenton Makes, the Princeton Festival, and others.

Designed to increase the visibility of Mercer County and promote cultural tourism within the tri-state area, the event offers Mercer County arts, cultural and historical organizations an opportunity to network with each other as well as to promote their programs to the public and to educational and community groups.

Throughout the day, there will be performances in the Grounds For Sculpture Museum Building. Performers include Young Audiences New Jersey, Bohème Opera New Jersey, Trenton Educational Dance Institute, Storytelling Arts, Inc., New Jersey Poetry Society, New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus, The Princeton Festival, Eastern Cultural & Performing Arts Center, American Repertory Ballet, Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, and others.

The event is sponsored by Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, in cooperation with GFS and The Capital Region Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Performances and access to the displays in the Seward Johnson Center for the Arts are free to everyone visiting the park on Saturday. Admission to the park is: adults $8; seniors and college students, $7; children under 12, $4. Representatives of participating arts organizations attending the event will receive free admission to the park by showing their business card at the entrance gate.

Grounds For Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

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Why Go to Weddings?

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QUESTION: *I go to the church for a wedding because I'd be embarrassed to only show up at the reception. Why go to weddings? No offense, but aren't they kind of boring?*

ANSWER: Gee, it must have been a thrill having such a party pooper dusting off a pew at the wedding. But, to understand why it is important to go to weddings, you must first know what marriage is.

1. WHAT IS MARRIAGE? Why do people marry? If it is simply because they are lonely, or want to put 2 incomes together for a better life, then they are two individuals living at the same address, but not really married.

- Marriage is defined, whether you think in terms of theology, philosophy, sociology, or law, as the consent that a couple makes to one another on their wedding day, the "I DO" that is the heart of the ceremony.
- This consent, this marital vow, is not a boring, stagnant legal contract carved in stone that reduces their freedom by locking them into a relationship.
- No. Instead, it is a living, breathing commitment to ongoing growth with one another. It is a protective bubble surrounding the couple, keeping interference out and intimacy in, thereby giving their relationship enough power to help each other grow to become more fully who they are meant to be, no matter what life may have in store for them.

2. WHY HAVE A WEDDING? Coming to church for the wedding is not a boring prerequisite to be then entitled to get to the reception where all the food and fun are. Think of it as a double gift: one for the couple and one for you.

a. A GIFT FOR THEM: As this process of growth is difficult, as life has more than a few bumps built into it, you are there to offer your support to your friends when they hit a rough time in their marriage. Just as they are committed to each other, you are committed to them, not out of duty, but out of love. They will receive a number of gifts on their wedding day, but the main one that will not rust or fade, or end up at the back of a closet collecting dust, is your love.

b. A GIFT FOR YOU: But wait, there is also a gift for you! The reason that marriage is a sacrament is that marriage is a sign of how much God loves you. We cannot see God, and hence, we need sacraments or signs to help us see in the material world what we cannot see in the spiritual one.

- If you ever wondered whether God loved you, take a long hard look at the couple being married. While they are nervous, they also are very much in love. You can see it in how they talk about and look at each other.
- God loves you as deeply as that. If you were to stand at the Pearly Gates today and worry if you would gain entry into heaven, and then discovered that your spouse was on the other side and could decide whether or not you get in, you would probably relax instantly, as you know he or she would immediately let you in. Why? Because they love you.
- Well, God loves you that much and more. So, when your cynical self leaves the church, and when doubt inevitably creeps into your soul as to whether God really cares, remember the love you saw between your friends at their wedding. Relish the gift they gave you: knowing that God loves you very, very much!

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AREA EXHIBITS

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting a new exhibit featuring the work of Susan Hoenig that will run through May 18.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an exhibition, "In The Beginning," featuring the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques. The show will run through June 23.

Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville is hosting "Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," through May 31.

Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is exhibiting cityscapes and landscapes by Marge Chavooshian and Nancy Silvia for the Annual Spring Exhibition through May 28. The gallery is at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting a joint exhibition by two Gallery 14 members, Tasha O'Neill and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through May 28. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is currently presenting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other exhibits, on view through April 30, are "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Howard Mann Art Center, 45 N. Main Street in Lambertville, is presenting original acrylics, serigraphs, drawings, works on canvas, board and paper by the California artist Hessam through May 28.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit featuring Ilene Sunshine and Bennett Bean. The exhibit will run through June 4. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting, "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," through October 1, in the Della Penna Gallery. "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography" will be on view through May 28. Two new exhibits: "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "An Enduring Gift: The Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Collection," will be on view through July 2. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Dialogues: Mexican Modernity," through June 25; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a month-long exhibit of the works of children's book illustrator and Princeton resident, Gennady Spirin. The exhibit can be seen in the Library and Gallery of the Manor House at the Academy, 101 Drake's Corner Road in Princeton.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting a major exhibition, "Mir Iskusstva: Russia's Age of Elegance," which will be on view through June 11. "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls, will be on view at the Princeton University Art Museum through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

Riverrun Gallery at 287 South Main Street in the Laceworks in Lambertville is presenting Paul Matthews's exhibit, "Double Portraits – A Retrospective," through May 31.

Small World Coffee in Princeton will be exhibiting the collages of Vicky Culver throughout the month of May.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting the Ellarslie Open XXIV, "The Best of the Best," through June 11.

Triumph Brewing Company, 138 Nassau Street in downtown Princeton, is set to present an exhibit of photographs by local artist Wendy Vroom. It will open with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m., May 23, and will run through July 10.

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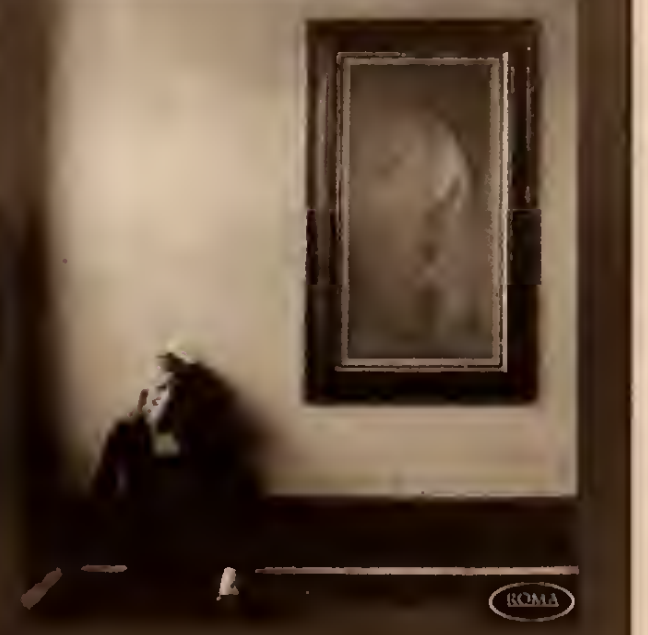

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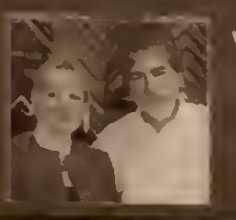

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Calendar

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Business" breakfast meeting with MarketReach CEO Amanda Puppo; Nassau Club.

7 p.m.: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m., Sunday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Screening and panel discussion of Iranian film *The Fifth Reoction*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Froud*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Seussical the Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

11:30 a.m.: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting with Gary D. Rose, Chief, Governor's Office of Economic Growth; Hyatt Regency Princeton.

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau with pianist Eunju Joung; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church. Free.

4 to 8 p.m.: Passport to the Princeton Region Convention and Visitors Bureau Trade Fair; Rider University Recreation Center, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory benefit concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Friday, May 19

10 a.m. and 5 p.m.: *The Big Comfy Couch*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

7:30 p.m.: Masters of Percussion with Zakir Hussain; McCarter Theatre.

7:30 p.m.: Unquiet Fridays concert with Latin jazz guitarist Arturo Romay; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: *La Coge oux Folles*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Lecture, "How the Environment is a Key to Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," with Israeli Rabbi Michael Cohen; Jewish Center of Princeton.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert with singer-songwriters Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen; Christ Congregation Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Bryan Kellen and Steve Lazarus; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

11 a.m.: Ssuuna; Roger S. Berlind Theatre.

2 and 4 p.m.: The *Little Mermoid*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor.

3 p.m.: Concert of Baroque sonatas with violinist Lillian Pierce; Rockefeller College, Princeton University.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Larry Tritel; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

6:30 to 11 p.m.: Sixth Annual SAVE Benefit, *Toils from Morgoritoville*; Princeton Airport.

7 p.m.: Tony Mennella and Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: The Roches vocal trio; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Pianist Christopher O'Riley; William Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Blawenburg Band 116th Anniversary Concert; New Montgomery High School. Free.

Sunday, May 21

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Princeton Club of Princeton Corridor's Mercer Day; Carnegie Center, Route 1.

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

4 p.m.: Small Miracles Foundation Benefit Concert; Unitarian Universalist Church.

4 p.m.: Princeton Girlchoir 17th Annual Spring Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

Monday, May 22

8:30 a.m.: Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart Golf/Tennis Outing; Bedens Brook Country Club. Tennis registration 8:30 a.m., golf registration 10:30 a.m. to noon.

7 p.m.: PopFest 2006; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

Tuesday, May 23

8 a.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton, "Meet the Mayor"; Nassau Inn.

8 a.m.: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Women in Business breakfast, "Capitalizing on Gender Differences"; Mercer County Community College.

Wednesday, May 24

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Froud*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, May 25

8 p.m.: Folksingers Bliggins & Goines; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Corver*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Friday, May 26

8 p.m.: *Out of Order*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians James P. Connolly and Rick Colon; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Rotary Club of Princeton annual Pancake Breakfast; Palmer Square.

10 a.m.: Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day Parade; Nassau Street.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with The Two of Us; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

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1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.

Thursday, May 18:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Tool; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.

Friday, May 19:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPB.

Monday, May 22:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, May 23:
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Digital Photography; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, May 24:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
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PEOPLE

Stephanie Hull

"Miracle," a poem written by Stephanie Hull of Princeton, was selected as a finalist for the 2005 Broken Bridge Poetry prize, a national contest for students in independent secondary schools. Eleven poems were chosen from a pool of 350. Hull's poem will be published in the literary magazine of Connecticut's Pomfret School.

Robert Honstein, Princeton resident and music composition graduate student at the University of Texas in Austin, will receive the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) 2006 Morton Gould Young composer award at Lincoln Center on May 25. Honstein grew up in Princeton, attended Princeton Regional Schools, graduated from Lawrenceville, completed the Julliard pre-college program, and Yale University.

The award's namesake, Morton Gould – an eminent and versatile American composer – was a child prodigy whose first composition was published by G. Schirmer when he was just six years old. A Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, he served as President of the ASCAP Foundation from 1986 - 1994. To honor Gould's lifelong commitment to encouraging young creators, the annual ASCAP Foundation Young Composer program was established following his death in 1996.

ASCAP President, Marilyn Bergman said of the award, "Of the 565 submissions this year, 40 recipients ranging in age from 9 to 30 were selected by a panel of dedicated ASCAP composers. These young talents represent the bright future of American Concert Music."

Rohith Chandrasekar, a 17 year-old student in his senior year at Princeton High School is a prize winner at this year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). For his project: Design of an Aerodynamically-Enhanced Plasma for Synthesis of Nanoparticles, Mr. Chandrasekar won an award of $750 in the Vacuum Technology Division of the American Vacuum Society in the category of Engineering/Mechanical Engineering, Thermodynamics, Dynamics, Solar. The 2006 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, presented by Agilent Technologies is the world's largest pre-college science fair. It brings together almost 1,500 young scientists from 47 countries, regions and territories to share ideas, showcase cutting-edge science and compete for nearly $4 million in awards and scholarships.

Melva Moore, HomeFront's Educational Success Director, has been recognized by the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children and the Cherish the Children Foundation for her service to the homeless children of Mercer County. Ms. Moore works as a children's facilitator at HomeFront's Family Preservation Center in Ewing. For more information about HomeFront, call (609) 989-9417, or visit www.homefrontnj.org.

Anuva Kalawar

Princeton Day School senior, Anuva Kalawar, of Princeton Junction won a national literary award from Goucher College for short stories developed in her PDS creative writing class. Her stories were selected from more than 500 submissions for the 22 Annual Women Writing About Women Symposium honoring gifted female authors from high schools throughout the country.

Ten-year-old cellist, **Zachray Mowitz**, auditioned and won an opportunity to receive coaching and join a master class taught by soloist Colin Carr. Mr. Carr is a reknowned national and international performer. Zachray, a student at Princeton Charter School, studies with Lynne Beiler, a well-known Suzuki cellist and teacher in the area. Zachray is also principal cellist in the Classic Strings ensemble, part of Temple University Musical Preparatory Division's "Program for Gifted Young Musician's" with whom he appeared as soloist in Vivialdi's "Sonata in E Minor" at Tomlinson Hall in Philadelphia.

Two students, **Michael Wu** and **Ming-Ming Tran**, of West Windsor's Thomas Grover Middle School, will compete at the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Arlington, Va., as a result of their winning local and state-level tournaments.

The competition brings together 228 students representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and schools from the Department of Defense and State Department.

The competition will include a written test and the Countdown Round, a fast-paced, one-on-one competition. MATHCOUNTS is the nation's premier math enrichment, coaching and competition program for middle school students.

A PRINCETON FAMILY OF VOLUNTEERS: The Grenis family spent their spring break and Passover in Biloxi, Mississippi helping Hurricane Katrina victims by working in a food distribution center, cataloging donated books in an elementary school library that was destroyed, and doing moid removal. The trip resulted after Linda Grenis, president of the Jewish Center of Princeton, coordinated aid to a synagogue in Biloxi. Shown left are Caroline, Billy, Ricky, Linda, and Michael Grenis.

Marvin Ostberg

Marvin Ostberg, a 9-year resident of Princeton and 6-year board member of the Princeton Family YMCA, was honored with the organizations Volunteer of the Year award. Richard Smith, YMCA's Chief Executive Officer, cited Mr. Ostberg's work with the Child Development Center as the reason he was recipient of this year's award.

"This award is our way to honor a single volunteer each year who demonstrates our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility through his volunteer work," Smith said.

Ostberg joined the Princeton Family YMCA board in 1999. Since then, he has played a major role on its Volunteer Development Task Force, Financial Development Committee, Facility Development Committee, and Mathey Health Center committee.

Hopewell resident and Amherst College sophmore, **Alyssa Briody**, was named the New England Small College Athletic Conference Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week, after guiding the Lord Jeffs to a trio of wins last week.

A third-team preseason all-America pick, Briody currently ranks sixth in the conference in points and seventh in goals.

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT TRIO: Three juniors from Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart have been recognized for being among the highest scoring participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program which is devoted to honoring academically able black high school students. Shown left are Lauren Frazier of Newtown, Ciare Henderson of Princeton, and Brittany Kidd of Trenton.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Student Recital Outdoes Many Professional Concerts With Top Level of Playing

For those of us steeped in the 1970s, a night entitled "Carpenters in Concert" invokes memories of a silver-throated singer with her brother at the piano. For the past five years, there has been a different kind of Carpenters phenomenon on Princeton University's campus—three siblings, all extraordinary musicians, wending their way through the University as students and making great music along the way. One could imagine that in the Carpenter household, instead of sibling fighting, these three musicians merely outdid one another on their instruments. The "middle child," violinist Lauren Sarah Carpenter, presented her senior recital on Friday night in Richardson Auditorium, inviting not only the town and student communities, but also her brothers and a number of friends from the music department to join her. With one brother playing the violin and another on viola, these Carpenters were able to explore a great range of repertoire.

The Carpenters were joined in the first half of the program by Sinfonia, the University ensemble specializing in chamber music. For Vivaldi's Concerto in *b minor for Four Violins*, they were also joined by violinist Sunghae Anna Lim, a regular in the Princeton performing arena.

In the Vivaldi concerto, the four violin soloists, accompanied by the sixteen players of Sinfonia, drew out the dynamic contrasts of the work as they passed the musical action among themselves. Lauren Carpenter had a clear idea of what she wanted, leading smooth transitions to the second movement "Largo" and the closing "Allegro." Violist David Carpenter (switch-hitting to violin on this piece) was most notable not only in his playing but in his communication with the other soloists. Violinist Sean Avram Carpenter also demonstrated why he won two University Orchestra Concerto competitions during his student days and why, after his graduation in 2003, he has maintained a successful performing career. Cellist Larissa Koehler provided especially effective accompaniment in the quick opening movement, and the ensemble overall played with a well-gelled sound.

Conductor Ruth Ochs, a graduate musicology student, joined the ensemble to lead Lauren and David Carpenter in Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major for Violin and Viola*. Ms. Ochs was a precise and decisive conductor in this piece, maintaining the smooth orchestral sound heard in the Vivaldi and keeping the horns particularly subtle. Mr. Carpenter's viola playing was rich and mellow, (with the viola retuned per Mozart's instructions) and a nice dialogue ensued from the smooth playing by both soloists. The soloists' playing was especially silken when the instruments played in unison. In the second movement "Andantino," Ms. Carpenter played mournfully, joining her brother in perfectly turned thirds.

Ms. Carpenter truly earned her degree in the most complex work on the program—Prokofiev's *Sonoto No. 1 in f minor for Violin ond Piono*. Dark and full of double stops for the soloist, this work was a departure from the light and crisp first half. Ms. Carpenter was accompanied by pianist Christine McLeavey, a graduate of Princeton who has since completed her master's degree at Julliard. Ms. Carpenter maneuvered well through the fragmentary violin part, floating a pianissimo flowing section and switching to a jarring pizzicato to close the first movement. The ferocity of this music clearly took its toll on Ms. Carpenter's bow, as she periodically pulled frayed strands between movements. Ms. McLeavey's piano accompaniment was especially clean in the second movement "Allegro brusco," and fluid in the third movement "Andantino." Ms. Carpenter was joined again by her brothers and cellist Ami Connolly for the closing work on the program, Beethoven's monumental string quartet *Grosse Fuge in B-flot Major*. Following a very strident opening "Overtura," the quartet brought out the disjoined aspects of the piece well through the nonstop motion. An encore piece of the "Nocturne" from Borodin's *Second String Quartet* showed the quartet's ability to play tranquilly.

This concert was a student recital, but was well above the level of a student recital from any University or conservatory. Ms. Carpenter leaves Princeton with a degree in one subject and certificates in four others. She is clearly one of the most ambitious students on the campus, and can certainly enjoy a successful career in music, regardless of the other academic subjects she pursued.

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Anniversary Concert Friday For Community Orchestra

The Westminster Community Orchestra, conducted by Ruth Ochs, will present its 20th anniversary concert this Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The program will include Brahms' *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor* and Haydn's *Creation*, performed with the Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, directed by Frank Abrahams. Additionally, the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir and Cantus Choir, conducted by Patricia Thel, will perform Britten's *Psalm 150* and two choruses from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Now in her first season with the Westminster Community Orchestra, Ms. Ochs holds degrees in music and orchestral conducting from Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin,, respectively. She also studied at Huboldt University in Berlin as a Fulbright Fellow. The music director of the Austin Philharmonic for the 2001-02 season, she is currently music director of the Princeton University Sinfonia and assistant conductor of the Princeton University Orchestra. She is pursuing a doctorate in musicology at Princeton University.

Westminster Community Orchestra members are professional and gifted amateur musicians from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Comprising high school students selected by audition, the Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale is an honors choir that has performed in Brazil, and locally with the Westminster Community Orchestra and the Greater Princeton Youth Symphony.

The Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir is composed of students in grades 4 and 5; members of the Cantus Choir are in grades 6 to 8. Ms. Thel has been conductor of the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir program for 11 years. Under her direction, it has grown from a small ensemble of 12 students to a program with more than 100 in three choruses.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students. To order, call the Richardson Auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000.

116 YEARS YOUNG: The Blawenburg Band will present its 116th anniversary concert in the auditorium of the new Montgomery High School on Route 601 this Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m. The band is conducted by Dr. Jerry Rife, professor of music at Rider University, shown here (with baton) at the Hopewell Bandstand. The concert, featuring standards and modern audience favorites, will be led by guest conductor Loras John Schissel, founder of the Virginia Grand Military Band of Fairfax, Va., and a Sousa scholar with the Library of Congress. Admission will be free.

CONCERT PREPARATION: The Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra of Princeton, with members from area schools, is shown rehearsing for its June 2 concert in Lawrenceville. The orchestra's members are third through tenth grade students from the greater Princeton area. The concert is free.

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PULITZER WINNING PIANIST TO PERFORM IN PRINCETON: Yehudi Wyner, named a Pulitzer Prize winner last month for a distinguished musical composition by an American that had its premiere performance in the United States in 2005, will perform at the Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival on Friday, July 21 in Taplin Auditorium. The Pulitzer was awarded for Mr. Wyner's piano concerto "Chiavi in Mano," which had its premiere at a Boston Symphony Orchestra concert in February. The pianist will also participate in a July 20 panel discussion on contemporary music at the Institute's Summer Symposium here, with Harvard's Christopher Hasty, Juilliard's Edward Bilous, and Princeton's Barbara White. For more information about the Symposium or the performance schedule, call (877) 343-3434 or visit www.golandskyinstitue.org.

Kingston Women's Chorus Schedules Debut Concert

The evening of Saturday, June 3 promises to be an exciting one for the Kingston Women's Chorus. That night, the 14-member chorus will present its very first concert, at 8 p.m. at the Kingston United Methodist Church.

Since its inception a year and a half ago, the chorus has performed at several assisted living facilities, at the 1860 House Music Cafe, and twice at the Spring Into Song fundraiser sponsored by the Hopewell Valley Chorus. "But only with our own concert can we demonstrate just how far we've come in a relatively short time," said the group's founder, Heather Robbins. "I'm amazed by the women's commitment to the chorus and their penchant for hard work. The result is some lovely music."

Ms. Robbins, who will direct the chorus, is a vocal teacher in the Somerset/Middlesex area.

The concert theme will be nature, with numerous songs relating to the seasons, rivers, flowers, and mountains. The musical styles will be medieval canon, traditional Japanese song, classical music from the 19th and 20th centuries, and American traditional music. Special guests will also be part of the program, including Glenn Swann, a master of the Japanese bamboo flute.

Following the concert will be a reception with light refreshments, permitting the audience to meet the performers.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Ms. Robbins at (609) 851-9245.

The Kingston United Methodist Church is located at 9 Church Street, Kingston.

SPECIAL CONCERT FOR HURRICANE RELIEF: The Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans played at McCarter Theatre in a special benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina Relief. The net proceeds of the concert were donated to the New Orleans Musicians Hurricane Relief Fund, established by Preservation Hall. McCarter Special programming Director, Bill Lockwood, presents a check for $28,000 to Howard Lambert, the manager of Preservation Hall Jazz Band. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Youth Chamber Orchestra Sets Lawrenceville Concert

The Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra of Princeton, conducted by Sherri Anderson, will present a concert on Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Slackwood Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville. The concert will be open to the public and free.

The program will include Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, Bela Bartok's *Roumonion Folk Dances*, Benjamin Britten's *Simple Symphony*, and the Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The orchestra's members are third through tenth grade students from the greater Princeton area. Princeton Charter School seventh grader Farshad Tahvildar-Zadeh is the concertmaster and Princeton High School junior Evan Shieh is the conductor's assistant. The orchestra rehearses weekly during the school year at Princeton Friends School and performs two concerts a year.

Ms. Anderson teaches violin and viola in the Princeton area and is the executive director of the Blue Mountain Festival, a two-week summer festival attended by young musicians studying chamber music. The Festival is held in August at The Lawrenceville School.

Last summer, the orchestra enjoyed a European tour that included concerts in Paris and Germany, where they performed with the combined orchestras and chorus of the Goetheschule. A tour planned for June 2007 will include stops in Milan, Venice, Salzburg, Prague, and Herceg-Novi, Montenegro.

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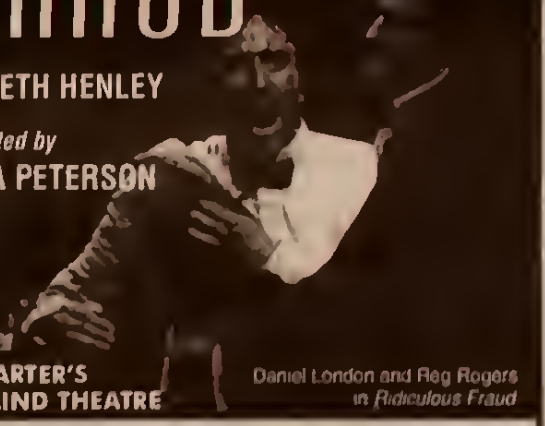
McCARTER'S BERLIND THEATRE
Daniel London and Reg Rogers in *Ridiculous Fraud*

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Crimes of the Heart*, Beth Henley returns to her Southern roots with a vengeance in this boisterous and bittersweet new comedy. Henley, who sees the humor and humanity in life's most calamitous twists and turns, is in top form in her latest play about three brothers trying to outrun a family history that tends to the worst-case scenario.

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Steinway Society to Hear Brazilian Pianist Perform

The Steinway Society will host a recital by the Brazilian pianist Luiz Simas on Sunday, June 18 at 4 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, Lawrenceville. The concert will replace the one originally scheduled for the date with Karen Walwyn.

The musicales support the Society's annual scholarship program.

Luiz Simas

Born in Rio de Janeiro, Mr. Simas has lived in New York since 1989. A composer and singer as well as a pianist, his style of composition and performance is influenced by classical, jazz, and bossa nova along with Brazilian, popular, and modern music. He gave a sold-out performance at the Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall in March 2003. In August of that year he performed at the Oslo Jazz Festival in Norway playing chorinhos ("little cries" in Portuguese), a mixture of European, Romantic, and salon music with lively rhythms of African origin. The group Triángulo recorded his suite *Momentos Felizes* at the International Music Festival of Maribor, Slovenia, in 2004.

Mr. Simas has given seasonal courses on Brazilian music at the Graduate Center of the University of New York. His program for the Steinway Society will include Brazilian music from the early 1900s to the present, written by Nazareth, Abreu, Bittencourt, Jobim, and Simas. It will also feature a new composition written by the pianist honoring the late composer Olga Gorelli, whom he met in 2001 at the Central New Jersey Piano Teachers Forum.

Admission to the recital will be $15 for nonmembers and $8 for full-time student nonmembers. For more information, call (609) 434-0222.

Jacobs Music is located at 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

SOLOIST: A recital entitled "Andante Appassionato: The Flute Alone" will feature flutist Barbara Highton Williams in a performance of works for unaccompanied flute at Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College, on Monday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Williams is a member of the Westminster Conservatory faculty. The program will include masterworks by Bach, Debussy, and Dohnányl, in addition to recent compositions by contemporary composers Elizabeth Brown, Elisenda Fábregas, and Chase Morrison. Ms. Williams' performance of Ms. Morrison's new work, "Phalanx," will be its world premiere. Admission to the concert will be free.

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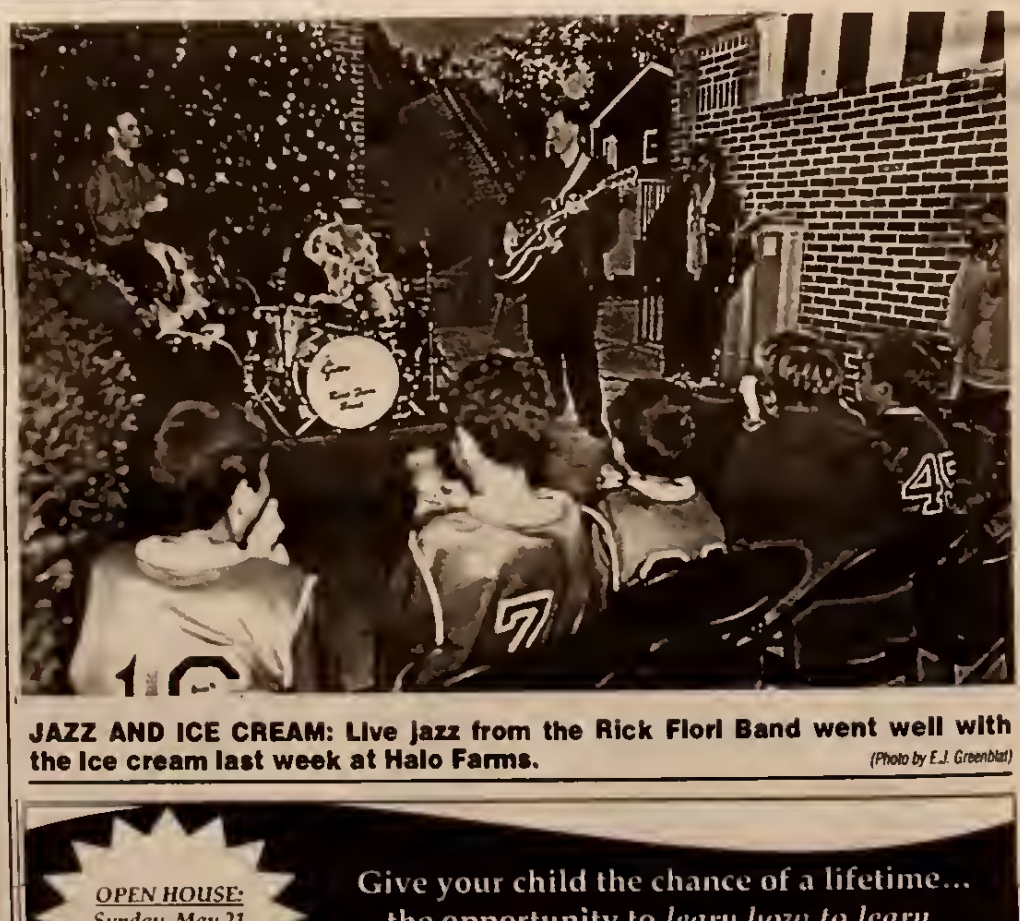

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Beth Henley Is Back to Her Roots in "Ridiculous Fraud": Southern Eccentricities, Family Dysfunctions, Dark Comedy

By the last act of Beth Henley's new play, *Ridiculous Fraud*, the audience has been so thoroughly drawn into Ms. Henley's bizarre, southern gothic world that it seems perfectly natural that the three troubled Clay brothers would gather for an Easter picnic at their family burial place in a New Orleans cemetery. Uncle Baites has brought a picnic basket full of chicken, fruits, pies and, most importantly, the whiskey. He will soon be joined by his fiancée Georgia in her silver robot angel costume, straight from her performances on the street in Jackson Square.

As the play ends and the lights dim on the graveyard gathering, Uncle Baites is reminiscing sadly about his departed sister, "Madeline, Mad as a Hatter." The youngest Clay brother, the angst-ridden Lafcad, dances spiritedly with the metallic angel, while middle brother Kap intently practices his duck calls.

These are by no means the most surprising activities of the four-act, tragi-comical *Ridiculous Froud* playing at McCarter's Berlind Theatre through June 11. In her sometimes shocking, always generous vision of the world, Ms. Henley convinces us of the utter plausibility of behaviors and human interactions that we would consider most peculiar and outlandish in any other setting.

The play is about all of the following and more, a wedding broken off on the night of the rehearsal dinner, a one-legged woman panhandler who becomes Uncle Baites' fiancée, an alluring step-mother who is abused by her husband and dying of cancer, a family patriarch incarcerated for fraud, lying, and infidelities of various sorts, southern politics, duck hunting, making big brother eat an insect in retribution for being "too know-it-all uppity," looking for $20 to buy jelly beans to blast out of a potato cannon and mistakenly stabbing little brother with a hunting arrow, all brought to life with the idiosyncratic details that create this unusual world of the New Orleans fallen aristocracy "five years before Hurricane Katrina."

In more than a quarter century since she burst onto the theater scene with Crimes *of the Heort* (1979), a Pulitzer Prize winner about three Mississippi sisters and later a popular movie starring Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek, Miss Henley has failed to create another major hit. But in *Ridiculous Froud* she returns to her roots, and, this time from the male perspective, depicts the wild travails of a family in perpetual crisis.

Fears that Ms. Henley used up her childhood memories, her family stories, or whatever other sources she tapped for the hilariously human mischief of Crimes *of the Heort* can be laid to rest. *Ridiculous Fraud* reveals an extravagant and humorous abundance of southern gothic material, rich in anthropological, theatrical and comedic resources. The male-dominated perspectives and the background of pre-Katrina New Orleans, lend a different sort of aura to this play, but Ms. Henley's spirited, dark humor and her skill in delineating characters with their quirks in vivid detail will remind audiences of that wildly peculiar Charles Addams world of the MaGrath sisters in Crimes *of the Heort*.

Michael Yeargan's lavish set design, four different settings for the four acts, captures physical and psychological-spiritual essences of the world of this play. Moving from the living room and patio of the decaying Clay mansion in New Orleans' Garden District in the first act to the exterior of Uncle Baites' farmhouse then the interior of Kap's forest cabin in the second and third acts, then finally to the New Orleans cemetery with its imposing marble tombs for the final act, Mr. Yeargan delineates these Louisiana settings in vivid detail.

PICNIC IN THE GRAVEYARD—Lafcad (Daniel London) reads a letter from his recently deceased father, as older brothers Andrew (Reg Rogers, left) and Kap (Tim Dekay, right) listen with bemused skepticism in Beth Henley's darkly comical new play 'Ridiculous Fraud,' at McCarter's Berlind Theatre through June 11.

The eight characters who appear during the course of the play, mostly realistic despite their idiosyncrasies and superbly acted by a seasoned, first-rate ensemble under the deft direction of Lisa Peterson, could have stepped out of a story by Eudora Welty or Flannery O'Connor, a novel by William Faulkner, or a play by Tennessee Williams, yet they are all strikingly original Henley creations.

Beth Henley's Ridiculous Fraud will run through June 11 at McCarter's Berlind Theatre. For tickets and information call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Ridiculous Froud is the story of the three Clay brothers and their confrontations with the family's declining status. Their father is in jail for fraud, and Lafcad (Daniel London), the youngest Clay, has just left his own wedding rehearsal dinner and told his fiancée that the marriage is off. Oldest brother Andrew (Reg Rogers), a local political figure running for State Auditor, is determined to restore the family's reputation and clashes with various family members in struggling to do so. Kap (Tim DeKay), less driven by society than his older brother and better able to function in the outside world than his younger brother, is a ladies' man, but prefers to get back to his cabin in the woods and commune with the ducks.

As the action, over the course of four acts, stretches from summer to the following spring and moves from the New Orleans Garden District to the Louisiana woods and back to New Orleans, the plot details proliferate too rapidly and strangely to describe here. Andrew continues to struggle with his family, his marriage to the unhappy Willow (Ali Marsh), and his political ambitions. His crass, hard-nosed father-in-law Ed (John Carroll Lynch), himself involved in a troubled second marriage to Maude (Barbara Garrick), has no patience with the recklessness of the Clays and strikes a repeatedly discordant note in the family proceedings. Uncle Baites (Charles Haid) provides a whimsically kindhearted counterpoint to much of the intensity of the Clay brothers, as he romances the one-legged "lost girl" Georgia (Heather Goldenhersh).

The whole cast is strong and on target here, creating three-dimensional characters that the audience can understand, sympathize with, perhaps even recognize. Mr. London, as the youngest brother, is the least credible of these figures, occasionally becoming more of a caricature than a character in his fretfulness and sartorial excesses. Mr. Lynch, as the antagonist, and Mr. Haid, as eccentric elderly uncle, are especially memorable in their key supporting roles.

Excellent costume design by Jess Goldstein, lighting by Peter Kaczorowski, and sound, including a colorful array of New Orleans jazz at the start and finish and between the acts, by Martin Desjardins all provide invaluable assistance in creating the unique world of this play.

There are storms, both literal and figurative, throughout Ridiculous *Fraud*. Although these characters are not the most vulnerable elements of society, who were so vividly and tragically brought to our country's awareness in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Miss Henley, in specifically setting this play "five years before Hurricane Katrina," as she set Crimes *of the Heort* "five years after Hurricane Camille," is perhaps reminding us all of the precariousness of our lives. Amidst the vicissitudes of our perilous, often ridiculous and frequently fraudulent contemporary existence, *Ridiculous Froud* is an entertaining and poignant reminder not to take ourselves too seriously.

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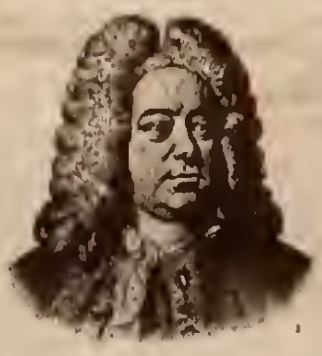

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Princeton Summer Theater has announced the schedule for its upcoming season that will feature four new mainstage productions of modern classics. All performances will be at the Hamilton Murray Theater in Murray-Dodge Hall, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

The season will open Thursday, June 15 with the Frederick Knott suspense thriller *Wait Until Dark*, made famous by the 1967 film featuring Audrey Hepburn in her Oscar-nominated role as the blind Susy Hendrix. The show will mark the return of actors Amy Widdowson (*Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Godspell*) and Ben Mains (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*) under the direction of Greg Taubman '06. *Wait Until Dark* will run June 15 to 18 and June 22 to 25.

For its second mainstage production, the company will present Peter Shaffer's farce Black Comedy. The stage is set when a fuse blows and the lights go out, just as Brindsley Miller is trying to impress a wealthy art critic and his fiancée's military father. The comedy's conceit is that when the stage lights are on, the apartment is actually in darkness. The show will be directed by Theatre Intime's Alex Limpaecher with set design by past PST member Nick Benacerraf. Black Comedy will run from June 29 to July 2 and July 6 to 9.

The music of Oscar winners Alan Menken and Howard Ashman will fill the theater in late July when PST presents *Little Shop of Horrors*. The musical tells the tale of the bumbling Seymour who finds fame and fortune with the help of a mysterious plant that grows at an amazing rate. Little does he know that the plant, Audrey II, has a ravenous appetite for people. Directed by Ben Mains, the show will welcome back past PST members Virginia Pourakis and Liz Fleming. Performances will be July 13 to 16, July 20 to 23, and July 27 to 30.

The season will close with Nobel Laureate Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, a love story about an affair and how it affects the lives of three friends. *Betrayal* will star Amy Widdowson and Rob Grant, under the direction of Andy Hoover. It will run from August 3 to 6 and August 10 to 13.

A summer stock theater company located on the Princeton University campus, Princeton Summer Theater also offers two children's shows and holds Young Artists Workshops. Its two family-oriented shows this season will be *Stuart Little*, based on the book by E.B. White, July 6 to 8 and July 13 to 15; and *Androcles and the Lion* by Aurand Harris, July 27 to 29 and August 3 to 5.

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For more information, visit www.princetonsummertheater.org. PST can also be reached via e-mail at princetonsummertheater@gmail.com.

Off-Broadstreet Theatre Schedules British Comedy

The British comedy *Out of Order*, directed by Off-Broadstreet artistic director Robert Thick, will open May 26 at the Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell.

The play, by playwright Ray Cooney, features a junior minister in government and a secretary for the opposition who have found themselves in a predicament. Assumed to be in Parliament but instead about to enjoy an evening tryst, they open their hotel curtains to discover a body trapped in the window. The minister immediately calls his assistant to leave Parliament and help hide the body; the minister's wife decides to surprise him at the hotel; and the secretary's husband lets his anger get the best of him as the hotel manager tries to keep order.

"Cooney never gives the audience a chance to take a breath;" said Mr. Thick; "his characters encounter one madcap situation after another."

The cast will include Off-Broadstreet veterans Tom Orr of Levittown and Patrick Andrea of Jamesburg in the leading roles. Mr. Orr has appeared in many OBT productions including Mr. Cooney's comedy *Run For Your Wife*. Mr. Andrea appeared in OBT's *Ernest in Love*.

Out of Order will run weekends from May 26 to July 1. Friday and Saturday evenings the doors will open at 7 p.m. for dessert with curtain at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees feature dessert at 1:30 p.m. with curtain at 2:30 p.m.

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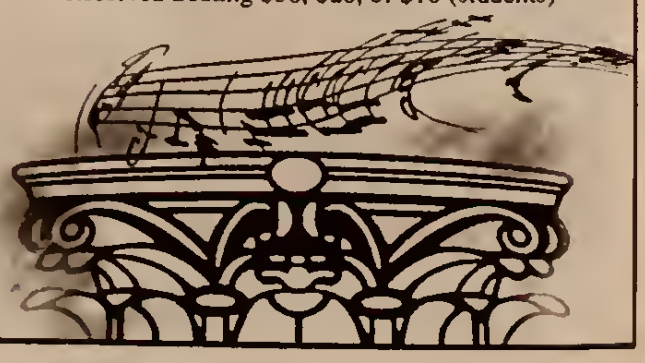

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DVD REVIEW

Film Noir: Black Coffee and Cigarettes in the City That Never Sleeps

Those two words may be the most significant gift from the French to the U.S.A. since the Statue of Liberty. It's such a handy phrase. All you have to do is say it and it's a stormy night, headlights are beaming through a maze of shadows, rain gleaming on the hood of a 1940s coupe as Humphrey Bogart drives it through a dark city where sinister doctors drug you, mysterious women seduce you or shoot you, and everyone chainsmokes. While the genre is all ours, a pure American phenomenon, it's no surprise that the term came from the Cohiers du Cinémo. The French fascination with America's sleazy underside goes all the way back to Baudelaire's translation and celebration of the great-grandfather of film noir, Edgar Allan Poe.

Like all such handy labels, however, this one has been abused and misused, and to even begin to untangle all the necessary definitive elements would be as mind-bending as trying to figure out Howard Hawks's *The Big Sleep* (released 60 years ago this August), the plot of which was never fully understood by Hawks, the actors, or the writers of the screenplay (William Faulkner among them). There are noir moments in American movies from Josef von Sternberg's silent gangster films of the 1920s to David Lynch and the Coen Brothers today. Whatever you think nf it, film noir is also a fact of DVD life, one of the catchiest marketing labels nut there, and most studios with movies even remotely related to the genre in their archives are bnsy packaging them; for example, the Fox Film Noir series, which can be found at the Princeton Public Library. Once again we have media librarian Barbara Silberstein to thank for the fact that the library's DVD shelves are stocked with the best collection of vintage Hollywood and foreign classics in the area.

1946: The Epicenter

The quintessential, smoky, sleazy exemplars of this sinister art form came out between the war years of the 1940s and the advent of television and CinemaScope in the 1950s. But the epicenter of the disturbance was the first year after the war. In 1946, along with *The Big Sleep*, you had *The Blue Dohlio*, *Black Angel*, *The Brosher Doubloon*, *Deodline ot Down*, *The Chose*, *Fallen Angel*, *The Killers*, *The Spirol Stolrcase*, *The Locket*, *Nobody Lives Forever*, *The Postmon Always Rings Twice* (to name only a few), not to mention movies clustered cozily on either side of 1946 like *Hangover Squore*, *Louro*, *Phantom Lody*, *The Womon in the Window*, *Kiss of Death*, *Born to Kill*, *Nightmare Alley*, *Out of the Past*, *Dark Possoge*, *The Gangster*, *Double Indemnity*, and *Lody in the Loke*. Those titles all by themselves are enough to conjure up the atmosphere when "beautiful black and white" was the order of the day.

Enjoying 'The Big Sleep'

The source of *The Big Sleep* is Raymond Chandler's novel of the same name, which raises another terminology issue. Writers like Chandler and Dashiell Hammet are generally thought to have literary qualities that put their work on a level above the detective novel genre; the same could be said of Howard Hawks and *The Big Sleep* in regard to the limitations of a term like film noir. One of the truly great studio directors, Hawks made the quintessential screwball comedy (*Bringing Up Boby*), the quintessential gangster movie (*Scorfoce*), the quintessential newspaper movie (*His Girl Friday*) and the quintessentual western (*Red River*). He is no more a film noir director than Bogart is a film noir actor. That said, there's no denying Bogart is a film noir, the City That Never Sleeps in human form: he's cool, his voice evokes black coffee and cigarettes, and he has the perpetually hungover look of a man who was born rumpled and never had a good night's sleep in his life. Put a fedora on his head, deck him out in a trenchcoat, and you've already got a movie.

SLEEPING THE BIG SLEEP: The gorgeous, high-as-a-kite Martha Vickers, as Carmen Sternwood, at the scene of the first murder in Howard Hawks's 'The Big Sleep' (1946). The body at her feet belongs to Theodor Von Eltz as Arthur Geiger. Like many movie stills, this one offers a view you don't actually see in the film, wherein Martha Vickers never gives the slain rare book dealer this serious a look; in fact, she's humming and giggling throughout the scene.

With Max Steiner doing the musIc, however, you have a genre disconnect. The whimsical theme he's created for The *Big Sleep* is anti-noir; a jaunty little refrain he works to death; it sounds like a variation on a riff Spike Jones used to have fun with, one of those "shave and a haircut two-bits" cliches of the culture. Only a movie as open to fun and games as this Howard Hawks gem could have survived it and even enjoyed it without whitening the bad name of noir; it's a bit like putting Mickey Mouse and Pluto in the middle of a murder scene, but Hawks makes sure it's used only for transitions, although there are occasions (i.e. before and after murders and other acts of violence) for which it makes a very odd prelude.

Other episodes demonstrate Hawks's genius with actors but have nothing to do with the standard noir effects. I'm referring to playful, offhand moments where his actors actually seem to be enjoying one another, as in the salty byplay between Bogart and Lauren Bacall. The *Big Sleep* sustains a human-comedy ambience even as it does full justice to the dark mood of Chandler's novel. This quality comes through most memorably in a sequence that should be shown in any anthology of clips put together in homage to Bogart. I mean the scene where the hard-boiled private eye turns up the brim of his fedora, puts on a pair of glasses, and becomes a simpering bibliophile while casing a rare book shop owned by a blackmailer named Geiger. After easily divining that the moll clerking at the shop would not know a first edition from a hole in the ground, Bogart goes across the street to another bookstore, which just happens to be run by beautiful Dorothy Malone, who succumbs almost instantly to the Bogart charisma; as the rain falls, they have a drink, close the shop, and pull down the shade on the front door—just in case anyone might think even for a second that the mincing bookworm was for real.

The conspicuous presence of lovely young women may be Hawks's way of playing on a wartime reality where even cab drivers like the one Bogart flags down look like starlets. But for sheer, daffy, sexy adorableness, no one can match Martha Vickers as Lauren Bacall's wayward kid sister, Carmen. Forever high, she's a true noir beauty, not a femme fatale so much as a charmingly deranged child. Her all-out wildness sometimes actually trumps Bogart's cool. She lets herself fall into his arms the first moment they meet ("She tried to sit in my lap standing up"), calls him Doghouse Riley, and teases him about his short stature ("You're not very tall, are you?"). In their most amusing confrontation, one of the great film noir moments, here's the tough detective who has just dashed into a house after hearing gunshots to discover a body, all in a night's work, but even so, not something he takes lightly. And here's Carmen in exotic dragon-lady attire, posed on a fancy chair, with a freshly murdered corpse at her feet, and she's humming and giggling happily to herself like a little girl, a big lovely dollop of soft-focus hair tumbled down over one cheek. When Bogart tries to slap sense into her, she blows the swirl of hair out of the way, wags her pretty head at him, and croons, with a wanton nonchalance Mae West would admire, "You're cute!" And when he gapes at her, pointing to the dead body at her feet as if to say "How about him?", she chirps, "*He*'s cute, too." It's a cute reversal: the hard-boiled detective takes the corpse seriously, the beautiful girl doesn't, and it makes for an edgy moment that would fit right in the psychotic black comedy of films like *Forgo* or *Pulp Fiction*.

Film Noir in Life

Not long ago my wife and I were curled up with a bizarre noir called *The Gangster*. Since we've seen thousands of old movies together over the years, most of them at home on television, we sometimes unknowingly find ourselves sitting through the same ones more than once. My wife is usually the first to catch on. "I recognize that woman playing the waitress! We've already seen this!"

I usually want to keep watching, telling her, "Come on, you don't know for sure." We both thought we were seeing The *Gongster* for the first time until we got to a scene in a soda fountain. "Those black and white tiles look familiar," says my wife. "We've seen this before." "No way!" says i. "Do you think I'd forget a movie where *Akim Tomiroff* is running a *numbers rocket* out of a Brooklyn *soda fountoin* while *Fifi D'Orsoy* is flirting with a *soda jerk*?" Not to mention that the gangster has a crazy name (Chubanka) and is going to pieces over an actress played by an ice-skating princess in real life named Belita, who leads him to ruin. What made me absolutely sure I'd never seen this one before was the appearance of one of the most frequent visitors to the realm of noir (which he seldom leaves on his own two feet), Elisha Cook, Jr. who walks into Chubanka and Belita's Coney Island love scene in a big doublebreasted pinstriped suit wearing a tie like a scream in the night. "I might forget Akim Tamiroff," says I. "But I could never forget Elisha Cook and that tie." My wife was right, as usual. I had seen it before and forgotten everything from the black and white tiles to Elisha's tie. But when you think of it, what could be more noirish than to forget being there? It's like the drug-mugged private eye says after spiraling down into darkness and coming out again: "Where am I?" Definitely a film noir moment.

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Alexandra Hoge to Join Princeton Rep Company

Alexandra Hoge, who previously served as associate producer and assistant director to the 2004 Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival, will join Princeton Rep as its new Co-Producing Artistic Director this summer. Ms. Hoge will relocate from Washington, D.C., where she recently finished co-directing *Hapgood* by Tom Stoppard and curating a reading series of classical Greek plays for Washington Shakespeare Company.

"I am extremely eager to join Artistic Director Victoria Liberatori in furthering the mission of Princeton Rep, to promote full accessibility to the greatest number of people in New Jersey, of all ages and backgrounds, to professional, high-quality, plays and free Shakespeare," said Ms. Hoge.

Ms. Hoge received her MFA in directing at The Actors Studio Drama School. She has worked as an assistant to directors Liviu Ciulei, Kyle Donnely, and Andrei Belgrader. In 2000, she started her own theatre company, Argus Productions, in Washington, co-producing and directing two pieces in *Tying the Gordian Knot*, a series of one-act plays on the theme of marriage. She then moved to Paris where she studied acting and directed a local troupe in an improvisation-style performance based on Jacques Demy's *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort*.

Ms. Hoge currently teaches acting to children aged 4 to 11 with InterAct Story Theatre in Washington, and can be seen as The Duchess of Gloucester in Washington Shakespeare Company's *Richard II*. She will begin her responsibilities with Princeton Rep full-time next month, overseeing a new educational program, RAP at Hopewell Valley, and co-producing the 2006 Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival.

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Memory Loss: Normal Aging or Alzheimer's Disease?

By Roger Behar, M.D.
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Memory loss is a common complaint and a cause of great worry and fear for many people. While some are simply experiencing the normal memory loss of aging, others are exhibiting signs of dementia.

As baby boomers age, complaints of memory loss will become more prevalent. In 2000, 4.5 million people were diagnosed with dementia, while 15 million are expected to be diagnosed in 2050. The challenge facing physicians today is to rule out the normal memory loss of aging and diagnose those with dementia so treatment can begin as soon as possible.

After age 40, memory begins to decline. It becomes harder to recall recent information and learn new procedures. We are not as good as we once were at finding our way to unfamiliar places, learning new skills, multi-tasking, and decision making. While one or more of these often declines in normal aging, the decline does not prevent us from performing our jobs and functioning normally.

Mild Cognitive Impairment, or MCI, can be described as having very poor short term memory only. For example, someone with MCI may have no recollection of a conversation they had a few minutes ago. People with MCI retain their long-term memory, along with the ability to make decisions, judgments, and perform practical skills. MCI is considered a potential harbinger of dementia. With dementia, memory loss is accompanied by loss of other mental functions: language, judgment, initiative, direction finding, etc., to the point where the person can no longer continue working or live without the assistance of others.

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is one type of dementia, and in fact comprises 80% of all dementias. The rates of failure to recognize AD are staggering. 97% of people with mild dementia go undiagnosed, and 50% of people with moderate dementia go undiagnosed. Early diagnosis is crucial. Catching AD early can allow the patient to make their own choices in advance planning, such as living wills and power-of-attorney. Early diagnosis can also safeguard against accidents while driving or at home, and can prevent patients from falling prey to scams that exploit the elderly. There is good evidence that early treatment can also delay loss of function and placement in nursing homes by two years, allowing people to keep their loved ones at home as long as possible.

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CINEMA REVIEW — *Art School Confidential*

Freshman Adjusts to Campus Life in Teen Angst Adventure

In 2001, director Terry Zwigoff's screen version of Daniel Clowes' comic book *Ghost World* topped this critic's annual Top 10 List. That caustic coming-of-age masterpiece featured then 16 year-old Scarlett Johansson, in her first lead role, teamed with Thora Birch as a couple of unpopular aimless high school graduates with nothing going for them other than their biting wit and above-it-all attitude.

Now Zwigoff and Clowes have collaborated on *Art School Confidentiol*, another adaptation of a comic strip originally created by Clowes. This acerbic social satire revolves around a pair of outcasts, and stars Max Minghella as Jerome, an idealistic freshman accepted at Strathmore Institute, a fictional art school in New York City.

AT LAST A KINDRED SPIRIT: Jerome (Max Minghella, left) finds his adjustment to Swarthmore College depressing until he meets, and falls in love with, Audrey (Sophia Myles), whose father also happens to be an artist whose work Jerome has always admired.

The promising young painter arrives on campus eager to be discovered as the next Picasso and to lose his virginity to an ardent admirer. But Jerome's naive notions about both are quickly dashed as soon as he's befriended by Bardo, an upperclassman (Joel Moore) who offers to show him the ropes. Bardo points out all of the phoniness, pseudo-sophistication, and politics which govern the art world.

This discourages Jerome, who hated the cliques and caste system he'd just left behind in high school. He quickly realizes that his classmates are familiar stereotypes, such as the angry lesbian, the pretentious blowhard, the tree-hugging vegan, the spaced-out bohemian, and the empty-nest housewife who has returned to college.

Equally disappointing are the school's faculty, such as the effete art history professor (Angelica Huston) and the studio instructor (John Malkovich). Jerome's dissillusionment continues off campus when he meets an embittered, alcoholic alumnus (Jim Broadbent) and a sleazy local gallery owner (Steve Buscemi).

However, when he meets Audrey (Sophia Myles), a model in his studio class, he falls in love with her almost immediately. As an added bonus, Jerome discovers that her father (Michael Shamus Wiles) is to be a famous artist whose work he admires.

The plot also involves an unsolved murder case, when a slasher, the Strathmore Strangler, is threatening the students.

Art School Confidential is an ingenious spoof of the pretentiousness of the art world, shot from the perspective of a disillusioned, depressed college freshman. If director Zwigoff's aim here was to make a scathing indictment of the art world's pseudo-sophistication, then he has scored abull's-eye!

Excellent (★★★★). Rated R for nudity, profanity, violence, and sexual references. Running time: 102 minutes

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AT THE CINEMA

Akeeloh ond the Bee (PG for mild epithets). Keke Palmer stars in the title role in this inspirational tale about the efforts of a precocious 11 year-old from L.A.'s South Central ghetto to make it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. with the help of a mysterious mentor (Laurence Fishburne) and over the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett).

Art School Confidentiol (R for profanity, nudity, violence, and sexual references). Another offbeat offering from director Terry Zwigoff whose *Ghost World* was my choice as the best picture of 2003. Here, Max Minghella stars as a freshman art school student who falls in love with a model (Sophia Myles) he meets in his studio class.

The Do Vinci Code (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity, violence, drug references, and disturbing images). Director Ron Howard and scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman, Oscar-winners for *A Beautiful Mind*, collaborate again on this adaptation of Dan Brown's controversial best seller about a murder at the Louvre which leads to evidence of a centuries-long cover-up of cryptic codes containing ancient historical secrets which, if revealed, could shake the very foundation of Christianity. With Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen, Alfred Molina, Paul Bettany and Jean Reno.

Friends with Money (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Female empowerment film about the relationship of a struggling ne'er-do-well (Jennifer Aniston) with three, life-long friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand) whose once comfortable marriages are suddenly in crisis.

Gool! The Dreom Begins (PG-13 for profanity, sexual content and a drug reference). An adventure about a poor Mexican-American child (Kuno Becker) raised in Los Angeles whose hope of escaping the barrio arrives when he is recruited by a British scout to play for a soccer club in England.

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG for coarse language and sexual innuendo). Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Denny Dillon again lend their voices to a variety of prehistoric creatures in this family-oriented, animated sequel set just before the Earth starts to thaw. Replacing Kristen Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and Jack Black are Queen Latifah, Jay Leno, and Seann William Scott.

Just My Luck (PG-13 for sexual references). Romantic comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as the luckiest woman alive who mysteriously swaps fortunes with a lovable loser (Chris Pine) after kissing him at a masquerade ball one Friday.

Keeping Up with the Steins (PG-13 for nudity, crude language, and drug references). Dysfunctional family comedy about a 13 year-old (Daryl Sabara) Jewish boy from the upscale Brentwood section of Los Angeles whose parents (Jeremy Piven and Jamie Gertz) throw a lavish Bar Mitzvah bash in his honor more to keep up with the Joneses than for religious reasons.

Kinky Boots (PG-13 for profanity and mature themes). British comedy about a shoe factory heir (Joel Edgerton) who figures out how to revitalize the sinking family business when he befriends a black transvestite (Chiwetel Ejiofor) who comes up with the bright idea of catering to drag queens.

Mission Impossible III (PG-13 for action violence). Secret Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and sidekick Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) return for another round of hi-tech, high-impact hijinks, squaring-off against a bloodthirsty arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Keri Russell and Billy Crudup.

Over the Hedge (PG for comic action and rude humor). CGI animated adaptation of the syndicated newspaper comic strip about a crafty raccoon (Bruce Willis) who helps a community of human-fearing creatures deal with the encroachment of suburbia upon their peacable nest. Featuring the distinctive voicework of Wanda Sykes, Steve Carrell, Eugene Levy, William Shatner, Nick Nolte and Allison Janney.

Poseidon (PG-13 for sequences of horror and peril). Oceanographic adventure veteran Wolfgang Peterson (*The Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*) directs another aquatic disaster, a remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, the 1972 classic about the effort of passengers to survive after their cruise ship is capsized by a tidal wave. Ensemble cast includes Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Andre Braugher, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss, and Jacinda Barrett.

The Promise (PG-13 for sexuality and martial arts action). Enchanting martial arts fantasy, set in a mystical world where gods and humans co-exist, about a beautiful, orphaned concubine (Cecilia Cheung) who finds three men fighting for her affection: a powerful general (Hiroyuki Sanada), his lowly slave (Jang Dong-Gun) and an evil nobleman (Nicholas Tse). In Mandarin with subtitles.

R.V. (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo, and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Hell.

Scory Movie 4 (PG-13 for sex and expletives, crude humor, and violence). Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Anthony Anderson, Leslie Nielsen, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex and Carmen Electra return for another round of the horror genre, including spoofs of *War of the Worlds*, *The Village*, *Saw*, and more.

See No Evil (R for sex, expletives, drug use, gruesome action, and relentless gore). Horror film about eight delinquent teens assigned to do community service sprucing up a dilapidated hotel which happens to be home to a 7 ft., 400 lb. psychopath (Glen Jacobs.) with razor-sharp fingernails.

Silent Hill (R for gore, profanity, disturbing images, and violence). Radha Mitchell stars in this horror film about a woman whose seriously-ill daughter (Jodelle Ferland) disappears in a haunted, deserted town they encounter on their way to a faith healer.

Stick It (PG-13 for crude language). Missy Peregrym stars in this sports film as a 17-year-old reformed rebel who returns to gymnastics with the help of a mentor (Jeff Bridges) after a run in with the law.

Thonk You for Smoking (R for sex and expletives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal.

United 93 (R for profanity, violence, and intense terror). Dramatic, real-time recreation of the 90-minute flight of the plane hijacked by terrorists on 9/11 which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to retake the airliner before it could be flown into a target in Washington, D.C. With David Alan Basche as Todd "Let's Roll!" Beamer.

Woh-Woh (R for profanity and brief sexuality). Semi-autobiographical memoir set in Swaziland during the African nation's independence movement in the late sixties chronicles the traumatic coming-of-age of a 12 year-old British boy (Nicholas Hoult) whose parents' marriage is in shambles.

Woter (Unrated). Feminist Deepa Mehta's final installment of her trilogy, also including *Fire* (1996) and *Earth* (1998), films that triggered riots and theater burnings before being banned for exploring incendiary political and religious themes like lesbianism and Hindu-Muslim romance. This film, set in the thirties during the rise of resistance to British rule, revolves around the relationship between a woman widowed at the age of eight and raised in an ashram and a suitor from a lower caste who's a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

—Kam Williams

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Sports

Former PHS Star Hayes Ends Drought As PU Men's Lax Wins NCAA Opener

Whitney Hayes will never forget what he felt when he hit the field for the Princeton University men's lacrosse team at Baltimore's M &T Bank Stadium for the 2004 NCAA Final Four.

"There's no feeling like playing in front of 45,000 people," said Hayes, a junior midfielder with the Tigers and a former lax great at Princeton High. "You feel like you're in the NFL or something. I tell the younger guys how much fun it is and that it's something you really want to do."

Last Saturday, Hayes showed how much he'd like a return trip to the Final Four as he fired in two goals and added an assist to help lead seventh-seeded Princeton to an 11-8 win over UMBC in an NCAA opening round contest before 2,107 at Class of 1952 Stadium.

The win earned the Tigers a date with second-seeded Maryland next Sunday at Towson in the NCAA quarters. The winner of that contest will advance to the NCAA Final Four on May 27 at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field, the home of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Hayes, who hadn't scored a point in Princeton's previous four games, was ready to seize the moment as the Tigers played in their first NCAA game since that 2004 Final Four.

"In these games, there is always more on the line," said Hayes, who came into the game as Princeton's top active player in NCAA tournament points with six on three goals and three assists. "You're definitely more excited for them; more pumped up. You just come out here and if the opportunities are here, you want to take advantage of them."

Hayes didn't waste any time taking advantage of his chances Saturday as he scored Princeton's first goal with 10:18 left in the first quarter and then assisted on a Scott Sowanick tally six minutes later in the period.

"It's always huge to get out to an early lead," asserted Hayes. "In the games that we've really played well, like Penn and Rutgers, we got out to a big lead at the start. We stuck our first couple of shots and that's always important."

HOME COOKING: Princeton University junior midfielder Whitney Hayes, left, looks for room last Saturday in Princeton's 11-8 win over UMBC in the the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Hayes, a former Princeton High lacrosse star, scored two goals and added an assist as the Tigers improved to 11-4 on the year. Hayes is Princeton's top active player in NCAA tournament points with nine on five goals and four assists. *Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction*

T-BALL: Princeton University men's lax head coach Bill Tierney surveys the action last Saturday as Princeton topped UMBC 11-8 in the opening round of the NCAA tourney. The seventh-seeded Tigers play second-seeded Maryland this Sunday in Towson with the winner advancing to the NCAA Final Four on May 27 in Philadelphia. The victory Saturday lifted Princeton's record in NCAA play to 29-7, giving the program the best-ever winning percentage in tournament play at .805. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Although Hayes wasn't happy to be mired in a personal scoring drought, the important thing was how the team backed him up and came together.

"When you take shots and you don't make them, that's always going to be frustrating," said Hayes, who last appeared on the Princeton scoring sheet when he contributed a goal and an assist on Princeton's 9-7 win at Harvard on April 15.

"Everybody's been real supportive; they said keep shooting. But it is the whole team concept that is important. When one player is a little off, someone else is going to step up. We had been playing really well."

As the resident lacrosse hero, Hayes was buoyed by the cheers he got from the PHS contingent on hand last Saturday.

"It's always fun playing here, particularly toward the end of the season when some of my friends are home from school," said Hayes. "I could hear Josh Miller and coach [Peter] Stanton; it's nice to get the local support."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney was happy with the support he got from Hayes and his classmates Sowanick and Peter Trombino.

"To be honest, I don't think those guys have played their best lacrosse this year," said Tierney, whose team improved to 11-4 with the victory.

"I think that they did today. Whitney Hayes, Peter Trombino, and Scott Sowanick played the smartest game they have played since freshman season. I can't say enough about Pete and Scott for doing what we asked them to do, controlling the ball yet going very hard. Coach Metzbower put in an amazing offensive game plan and we got what we wanted to get."

Trombino scored two goals and had two assists while Sowanick added a goal. The Tigers also got some good work from their young guns as freshman attacker Tommy Davis returned from a shoulder injury to fire in three goals while classmates Josh Lesko and Mark Kovler chipped in a goal apiece.

With Princeton having the best-ever winning percentage in NCAA games at .805 (29-7), Tierney is hoping that his club can follow the program's history of peaking at the right time.

"The years we've been in the playoffs, we've been able to play well towards the end," said Tierney, who has led Princeton to six national titles and two second-place finishes. "I think the guys get a little bit of academic relief. We don't play year round so the sticks are finally coming. I think they're starting to understand all the stuff we throw at them."

Tierney understands the significance of getting a NCAA win after having missed out on the tournament last year for the first time in 16 seasons,

"It's great to be back," said Tierney, who has a 5-0 record against Maryland in NCAA play including wins over the Terps in the 1997 and 1998 NCAA championship games. "A year ago right now, I was the NCAA rep at the UMass-Syracuse game, I was miserable. It's great to be back; it's great to have this opportunity and to see what happens next week."

Hayes, for his part, is confident that Princeton can make some good things happen against Maryland.

"We've always had a big rivalry with Maryland," said Hayes, who scored two goals to help Princeton top Maryland 9-8 in overtime in the 2004 NCAA quarters.

"A lot of the guys on Maryland are friends with guys on our team. We play similar styles; we had a scrimmage with them in the preseason and we did well. We'd like to keep that going."

If Hayes can keep up his hot play in postseason, he could find himself once again hearing the cheers of about 45,000 or so come Memorial Day weekend.

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PU Women's Lax Stuns Virginia in NCAAs; Will Face Old Rival Dartmouth in Quarters

After the Princeton University women's lacrosse team absorbed a 13-goal beating at the hands of Virginia in late March, Tiger sophomore midfielder Katie Lewis-Lamonica sobbed uncontrollably outside the locker room.

Last Sunday, Lewis-Lamonica caused Virginia to shed some tears as she fired in four goals, including the game winner, to help Princeton shock the second-seeded Cavaliers 8-7 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

The victory advanced Princeton to a quarterfinal matchup at longtime rival Dartmouth, the tournament's No. 7 seed. The winner of that game faces the victor of Georgetown-Notre Dame game in the national semifinals on May 26 at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

UPSET SPECIAL: Princeton University sophomore defender Norris Novak, right, sprints up the field in a game earlier this spring. Last Saturday, Novak got a ground ball and caused two turnovers to help Princeton stun second-seeded Virginia 8-7 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. In late March, the Tigers had fallen 16-3 to the Cavaliers. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

In assessing her club's upset, Princeton head coach Chris Sailer said her club hit Klockner Field with something to prove. "I think we knew we were so much of a better team than we showed the first time we played them," said Sailer, whose club lost 16-3 to the Cavaliers in the teams' regular season meeting.

"We saw it as a challenge, a chance to prove something. In the NCAAs, it doesn't matter what your seed is or your record is, everybody is 0-0. Each of our players believed we could win."

The Tigers' self-belief was heightened in the wake of a special session last week with some of the program's alums who played on the 2002 and 2003 national championship teams.

"Some of the alums came down and scrimmaged with us on Wednesday," recalled Sailer. "Afterward they talked to the team about their NCAA experience. In 2003, no one believed we could win; it motivated and inspired the team."

The Tigers showed they had a special inspiration last Sunday right from the opening draw as they took a 2-0 lead with 17:53 left in the first half. Utilizing a patient, ball control approach, Princeton went into the halftime break with a 5-2 edge.

"We wanted to hold the ball in our end; we knew how good they were offensively," explained Sailer, whose team outshot Virginia 13-3 in the first half. "I think they were pretty taken aback when we got the early lead. We dominated the first half. Our defense was fantastic through the midfield. Lauren Vance did a great job on Tyler Leachman, she held her without a goal."

Despite Princeton's fast start, things did get dicey for the Tigers as Virginia fought back from a 7-2 second half deficit to knot the game at 7-7. Lewis-Lamonica, a former Lawrenceville School standout, came up big as she scored an unassisted goal with 2:14 left in the game to provide the margin of victory.

"Lewey had a great first half," said Sailer, who also got three goals from Ashley Amo and one from Allison Murray. "She got a little quiet in the second half. We ran some plays for her and she was finally able to get free."

With its matchup at Dartmouth this weekend, Princeton has the chance to serve up a second helping of revenge as it fell 15-5 to the Big Green on April 22. The Ivy League rivals are meeting in the NCAA quarters for the second time in three years, with Princeton edging the Big Green 6-5 in overtime in the 2004 clash. Dartmouth has won the team's last two regular season meetings.

The Tigers are more than happy to once again assume the underdog role. "We're very motivated to get to the Final Four," asserted Sailer, who has a 4-0 record against Dartmouth in NCAA play and has guided Princeton to three NCAA crowns.

"If people want to keep taking us lightly that's to our advantage. The Virginia game inspired something in us; it showed what we can do when we compete hard and play together."

—Bill Alden

ROUND TWO: Princeton University junior star Kathleen Miller has trouble eluding a Dartmouth defender in Princeton's 15-5 loss to the Big Green in late April. Last Saturday, Miller chipped in an assist as the Tigers upended second-seeded Virginia 8-7 in the NCAA tournament to earn a rematch at No. 7 Dartmouth this Saturday in a tourney quarterfinal clash. Princeton, now 12-5 on the season, is 4-0 lifetime against the Big Green in NCAA play. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PU Women's Crew Doesn't Repeat History, Takes Care of Business With Eastern Crown

As the rowers for the top boat of the Princeton University women's crew took the water last Sunday at the Eastern Sprints, their thoughts turned to last year's race.

Last spring, the Tigers brought an undefeated record into the regatta and expectations of leaving the Cooper River course in Camden with the title.

Instead, they were stunned by a Yale crew which covered the course in a time of 6:15.6, 2.4 seconds better than Princeton could muster as it finished second.

The top-ranked Tigers entered this year's competition with a 14-0 record and a hunger to not let history repeat itself.

Princeton took care of its unfinished business as it stormed to victory, posting a time of 6:50.18, well ahead of Brown's 6:58.11 second-place time in second and the 7:01.37 posted by nemesis Yale in third.

Princeton head coach Lori Dauphiny acknowledged that her top boat brought a special motivation into the race.

"They were very determined," said Dauphiny. "They had the experience of last year and they didn't want to repeat that."

The Tigers showed their focus right from the start. "They had a great piece; they led from the beginning," added Dauphiny. "It was a wire-to-wire win; they were proud to be the fastest crew out there."

Now the senior-laden boat turns its focus to the NCAA Championship Regatta, which takes place May 26-28 at Mercer Lake in West Windsor.

Like the Easterns, the Tigers have some unfinished business to take care of as they finished second to Cal in the 2005 NCAA grand final race.

While Princeton enters the regatta as the favorite, Dauphiny knows that the NCAA competition is wide open.

"There have been some surprises out there, there is movement out there among the top boats," explained Dauphiny.

"A team like Louisville is doing well; there are teams out there that I'm not all that familiar with. Cal won the Pac 10; that's no surprise. They are the defending champion and we expect them to be pretty quick. But Washington State came in second and that was a surprise."

In Dauphiny's view, the Tigers must worry about their own preparation and not about the competition.

"I think you go into this knowing that there are things that you can control and things that you can't control," said Dauphiny.

"One thing you can control is the training and always striving to get faster. Our emphasis will be on sticking to our program and getting stronger. You can't control how fast the other boats go."

One thing that Princeton's top boat appears to have well under control is its desire to excel. "I think they are a very motivated, very determined group led by a strong senior class," asserted Dauphiny.

"It's not a senior class where everyone is a star or a rower on a national team but they have come together. They are willing to make sacrifices; they are extremely driven."

That drive could be the quality that makes Princeton into a national champion.

—Bill Alden

Stull, Brielmaier Ink NFL Contracts

The co-captains of the 2005 Princeton University football team, Justin Stull and Ben Brielmaier, will be looking to continue their football careers in the NFL this fall.

Senior linebacker Justin Stull, a two-time captain and three-time All-Ivy selection, signed a contract with the Washington Redskins last week. He will try to follow in the footsteps of former Tiger standout linebacker Zak Keasey, who made the Redskins last season.

Brielmaier, who shifted to the offensive line from the defensive line prior to his junior season, inked a deal with the Cleveland Browns. The native of Mankato, Minn. was a second-team All-Ivy selection this fall and earned the team's 2005 Ronald A. Rogerson award, which is awarded annually to that member of the football team whose spirit and love of the game have served as a special inspiration to his fellow players.

Two other Tigers recently signed with the NFL as Jay McCareins entered a deal with the Arizona Cardinals while tight end Jon Dekker signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

PU Women's Lightweights 4th at Eastern Sprints

The Princeton University top women's lightweight crew had a disappointing day as it placed fourth at the Eastern Sprints last Sunday at Cooper River in Camden, N.J.

The Tigers clocked a time of 7:30.16 in finishing behind Wisconsin (7:14.00), Harvard-Radcliffe (7:20.79), and Georgetown (7:23.78). Princeton had beaten all three boats in regular season action.

Princeton will finish the season by competing in the IRA national championship from June 1-3 at Cooper River.

Tiger Men's Track 12th in IC4A Meet

The Princeton University men's track team placed 12th in the team standings at the 2006 IC4A Track Championships held at Weaver Stadium this past weekend.

Individual standouts for the Tigers included Josh Probst, the third-place finisher in the javelin, and Frank Tinney, who took fourth in the 5,000-meter run.

PU Women's Track 11th in ECAC Meet

Sparked by some excellent performances from its distance runners, the Princeton University women's track team took 11th at the ECAC championship meet held last weekend at Weaver Stadium.

Catha Mullen took second in the 1,500-meter run with teammate Cack Ferrell coming in seventh. Jolee van Leuven placed fifth in the 3,000-meter run.

PU Men's Heavyweights Sink Navy Crew

The top-ranked Princeton University men's heavyweight completed the 2006 regular season with an unblemished record as it cruised to a comfortable win on the Severn River against Navy in Annapolis, Md.

The first varsity earned the undefeated season by finishing in 5:37.9 while Navy took second in 5:41.7. The Tigers will next be in action when they compete this weekend in the eastern Sprints in Worcester, Mass.

LOUISIANA LIGHTNING: Princeton University sophomore pitcher Kristen Schaus fires a pitch in action earlier this spring on her way to earning first-team All-Ivy recognition. Schaus and her teammates will be looking to gain some recognition on the national stage this weekend as they compete in the NCAA regional at Baton Rouge, La. The Tigers (34-17), are joined at the regional by host Louisiana State (51-12), Louisiana Lafayette (48-10), and North Carolina State (48-19). Princeton begins the double-elimination format by taking on host LSU this Friday night.

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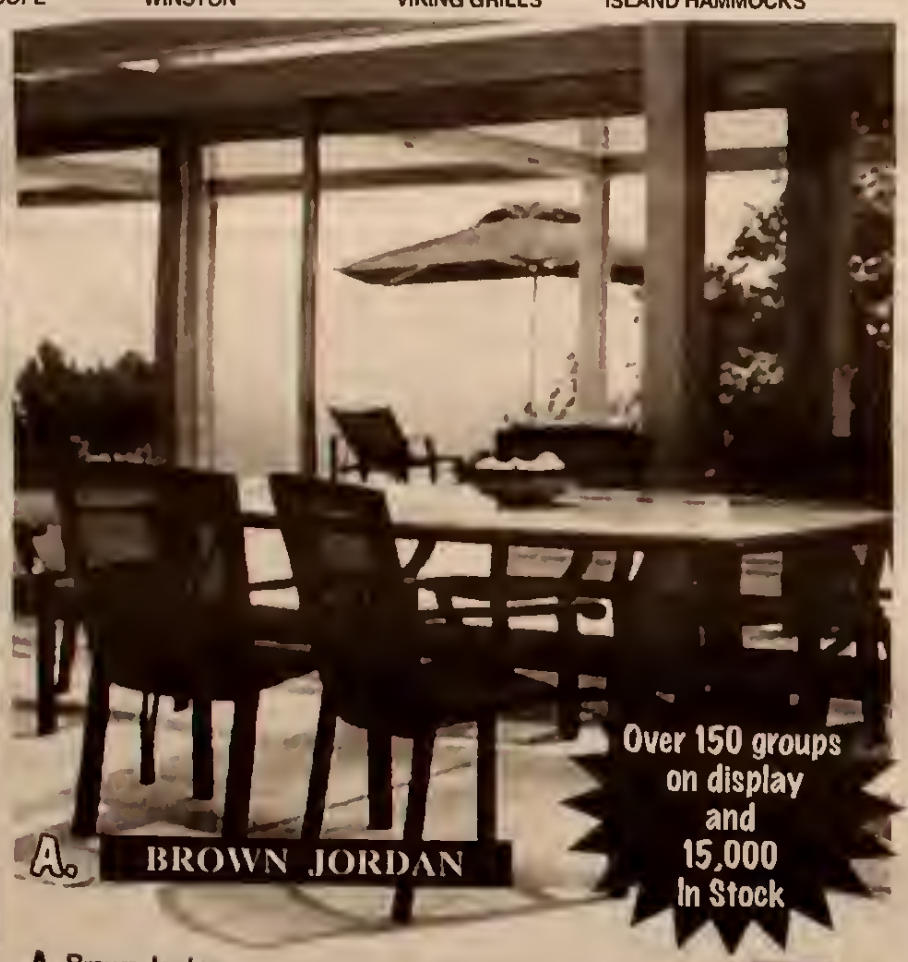

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Vickers-Annis' Return to Full Strength a Key As PHS Boys' Lacrosse Girds for State Run

Taylor Vickers-Annis didn't start his final spring with the Princeton High boys' lacrosse team in the manner in which he envisioned.

The star defender tore ligaments in his left shoulder while snowboarding prior to the season, sidelining him until mid-April.

Vickers-Annis was rusty upon his return, struggling to get his footwork back in sync as he did the rehab work necessary to get his shoulder back to full strength.

Last Wednesday in a game at Peddie, Vickers-Annis showed that he is just about 100 percent as he helped spearhead a defense that held the Falcons scoreless in the first half and then scored his first goal of the season in the fourth period as the Little Tigers breezed to an 11-4 victory.

Afterward, Vickers-Annis was happy with the defensive unit's collective effort. "We came out pretty strong," said Vickers-Annis. "In the beginning of the season, it took us a while to settle. I felt like we looked pretty good. Sometimes we had trouble in transition; we did a pretty good job of it today."

The Little Tigers' defensive corps which features such veterans as Jesse Mostoller, Casey Rahn, Chad Pinto, and star goalie Sam Finnell in addition to Vickers-Annis, has developed a special bond on the field.

"We're really tight," explained Vickers- Annis. "This is our second full year together. We're really close; it's easy for us to work together. We know where everyone is."

Vickers-Annis feels that his game is tightening up the more action he has seen this spring. "I'm feeling a lot better; it was really sore in the beginning," recalled Vickers-Annis.

"The biggest thing that hurt me was not being able to run and stay in shape. When I came back, it wasn't my shoulder that was so bad, it was my feet; they weren't there and it wasn't second nature. The last three games, I'm really starting to feel like it's coming back."

Vickers- Annis, who will be playing for Rutgers next season, is dedicated to getting the fundamentals of his position to be second nature.

"I'm always working on getting the basics more solid," said Vickers-Annis. "Position defense is most important; if I don't have good position, I can't throw checks. I also work on my throwing, catching, ground ball; all the basics."

PHS head coach Peter Stanton likes the way his defense has mastered the fundamentals.

"That's been the strength of our team all year," said Stanton, referring to his defense which came up big again as the Little Tigers beat Hun 10-7 last Monday to improve to 14-1.

"There are some times when we are clicking offensively and there are times where we are throwing the ball away. The defense is the steady unit throughout."

Having Vickers-Annis back in form has been a steadying force for the PHS defense. "Missing the time that he did, he lost his footwork and timing," said Stanton. "That takes practice and repetitions; he's getting that back now, for sure."

The PHS offense needs to get its timing down on a more consistent basis. "We're trying to hold them to a high level," said Stanton. "We can't throw the ball away and have those kind of mistakes; we have to reduce them as much as possible."

The Little Tigers have high aspirations this spring. "We want to contend for a state championship," asserted Stanton, whose team clinched the CVC title with its 13-7 win over Notre Dame on May 8 and will find out its state tournament assignment later this week. "After next week, the pressure will keep increasing; if you lose a game, your season is over. In those close games, possession matters."

In Stanton's view, his club has developed a chemistry which should help them come through when it matters. "I told the guys that I've never seen a team that's been able to come back from 5-0, 4-1, 7-3 in the same season," said Stanton. "It's a matter of team cohesion. I told the guys that's what's going to keep us together through the tough times."

Vickers-Annis, for one, believes that PHS has what it takes to get through the tough games it will face in the state tourney. "I think we can really go deep in the state tournament; I'd love to win it all," maintained Vickers-Annis.

"This is the closest team we've had in my four years here. We're all together; we hang out all the time. There is a lot of talent on this team. I think we can still get better; I feel like we're getting better every game."

And with Vickers-Annis getting more in sync each game, his final PHS lax spring could end in a memorable fashion.

—Bill Alden

POLESTAR: Princeton High senior defender Taylor Vickers-Annis establishes position in a game earlier this season. Last Monday, Vickers-Annis and his teammates stifled Hun as PHS topped the Raiders 10-7 to improve to 14-1 on the season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

LOADING UP: Princeton High senior star David Giancola prepares to fire the ball in PHS' recent win over Moorestown. Last Wednesday, Giancola scored five goals as PHS topped Peddie 11-4. PHS, which ended regular season play at 14-1, will start play in the NJSIAA state tournament next week. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PHS Golf Overcomes Elements, Competition As it Qualifies for Tournament of Champions

It certainly wasn't the best day to be out on the golf course.

As the players competed in the North Jersey Section 1-2 Group 3 tournament last Monday at the Overpeck Golf Course in Teaneck, play was interrupted by a thunderstorm.

When the action resumed after an hour delay, the players had to deal with rain, wind, and falling temperatures.

Some players withdrew due to dreadful conditions but the Princeton High golf team wasn't about to give in to the elements or the competition.

The veteran-laden Little Tigers took second in the team standings, shooting 332, some 21 strokes behind Ramapo. PHS was led by senior Jordan Gibbs, who carded a 77 to tie for fifth in the individual standings. Peter Telfer shot an 81 with Will Madden at 86 and Jason Barry at 88.

PHS' finish qualified it to compete in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions next Monday at the Rumson Country Club.

Little Tiger head coach Sheryl Severance was proud that her team persevered. "We played in hurricane conditions," said Severance. "We teed off at 7:30 a.m. and we played eight holes until play was delayed by thunder and lightning. When we came back, it was real cold; its was windy, rainy and there were puddles of standing water on some of the greens. Anything could've happened with that weather. I'm happy that we were able to qualify."

In Severance's view, her golfers' record of success in tournament play made a big difference at the sectional competition. The team is 51-2 in dual matches over the last three seasons and won the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) in 2004 and 2005. Last spring, PHS finished sixth overall in the team standings and second in Group 3 at the Tournament of Champions.

To prepare for last Monday's tournament, the PHS players spent all day Sunday on the Teaneck course and then spent the night in an area hotel so that they wouldn't have to put in a long trip to make their early tee time.

"I think it was a big factor," said Severance, referring to the team's competitive savvy. "They know how to hang in there and play through things."

Nobody hung in there better last Monday for PHS than Gibbs. "Jordan played well; he hit the ball well," asserted Severance of her senior star who fell in a playoff for the individual title at the MCT last week as PHS took second in the team standings at that event. "He played par golf but his putting was off. He didn't make any putts longer than six feet all day."

While Severance was relieved that her team advanced, she believes it will bring a special hunger into the Tournament of Champions.

"They weren't very happy, they thought they should have been closer to par," said Severance, whose team is slated to play dual matches at Allentown on May 17 and at WW/P-N on May 18. "I think the guys will be practicing hard this week."

That fine-tuning combined with the grit that the Little Tigers displayed last Monday could result in a special finale for PHS.

—Bill Alden

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Caplinger's Pitching Helps Resurgent Hun Earn Prep A Softball Title Clash at Peddie

Wearing silver reflector sunglasses, a mouthpiece, and a deadpan expression, Nikki Caplinger cuts an intimidating figure on the mound for the Hun School softball team.

Last Thursday, the junior blended guile and solid stuff to pitch Hun past rival Blair 4-1 in the state Prep A semifinals. The win put Hun into the state Prep A final against Peddie in a game slated to be played on May 16.

In assessing her effort in the semis, Caplinger said her task is simple given the solid defense behind her. "The girls back me up and that's amazing," said Caplinger, who gave up just five hits and stroked a key RBI single to help her cause.

"I know that when I pitch and the other team hits the ball the girls are going to be behind me all the time. I'm just trying to get the ball in play and to strike some batters out."

Caplinger's emergence as a star pitcher for Hun has surprised even her. "I came here with the intention of playing the infield," said Caplinger, a transfer from Lawrence High who got off to a 0-2 start on the mound this spring.

"Mrs. Quirk [Hun head coach Kathy Quirk] said she needed someone to pitch so I said 'I'll pitch for you.' It's been a great experience. The other pitcher [Carly Evans] and I throw everyday in practice. Everyday we seem to throw harder."

Caplinger's big breakthrough this spring came when she hurled a perfect game against Pennington. "The one game that turned it around for me was the game against Pennington," asserted Caplinger. "I pitched a perfect game and that gave me a big boost of confidence. It was my first ever perfect game."

Quirk, for her part, had a hunch that Caplinger would come through for her in the matchup against Blair. "It was her game to pitch," said Quirk of Caplinger, who is now 6-2 on the season. "Blair had seen Carly twice and I'm sure they were gearing up for Carly. We tried to change things up on them and use some reverse psychology."

With her team getting off to a shaky 1-4 start, Quirk sees Caplinger's surge as a reflection of the team's collective improvement.

"I think some of it has to do with the fielders behind her," asserted Quirk, whose team improved to 11-5 with a 4-1 win over Hill last Saturday.

"We've just come together as a team. We had a slow start offensively and defensively, now both of the pitchers have the backing of the girls with them."

Another factor in Hun's resurgence has been its booming bats. "We worked a lot on our batting," said Quirk, whose club has exploded for 63 runs in its last eight games, scoring nearly eight runs a contest in that stretch. "I think this is one of the best offensive teams we've had. We've really been hitting the ball."

But in Quirk's view, it isn't hitting, pitching, or defense that is at the root of the team's surge. "They took it upon themselves to turn themselves around," said Quirk whose team fell to Peddie in last season's Prep A title game.

"They knew they weren't the type of team they were used to playing on. They plugged away and worked hard everyday. They are now coming out of that with results. It's what you play all season for, to be playing well at the end."

Caplinger, for one, is relishing the fruits of that labor. "I think the difference is that we definitely work hard everyday in practice," said Caplinger.

"It's funny at the beginning of the year we all had goals and one of them was making it to the state finals. We're so excited. We deserve to be where we are."

Caplinger's emergence as a star pitcher has certainly helped Hun achieve that goal of a title shot.

—Bill Alden

IN THE NICK OF TIME: Hun School junior pitcher Nikki Caplinger displays her pitching form. Last Thursday, Caplinger gave up just five hits as she pitched Hun past Blair 4-1 in the state Prep A semifinals. The Raiders were slated to play at Peddie on May 16 in the title game.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

CLEANING UP: Hun School senior catcher Christina Zimmerman lashes the ball last Saturday in Hun's 4-1 win over Hill. The win improved Hun to 11-5. Zimmerman's production in the cleanup spot has helped key a late surge that has seen Hun rebound from a 1-4 start to a state Prep A title matchup with Peddie.

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Worn Down by Grueling Stretch, Hun Baseball Falls in MCT, MAPL

For the Hun School baseball team, its twinbill Saturday stood as a microcosm of the highs and lows it has experienced in a grueling stretch of games over the last two weeks.

In the afternoon, Hun defeated visiting Lawrenceville 8-3 in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) semifinals. Post-graduate star Jono Chirumbolo led the way for the Raiders on the mound and at the plate, pitching a complete game and slugging a two-run homer.

Hours later, top-seeded Hun headed over to Mercer County Park to play under the lights against No. 8 Hamilton in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT).

After falling behind 2-1 in the top of the fourth inning, Hun exploded for four runs in the bottom of the fifth, paced by a bases clearing double by Sean Munley.

But with the clock heading toward midnight, fatigue hurt Hun as things fell apart in the top of the seventh with the Raiders giving up five runs on the way to a 7-5 setback.

In reflecting on his club's marathon effort, Hun head coach Bill McQuade acknowledged that the steady diet of games had worn down the Raiders.

"It's been tough," said McQuade, whose club lost 10-0 to Mercersburg last Sunday in the MAPL final to drop to 11-8 on the season.

"I think we have played something like 11 games in the last 12 days. We started yesterday with a big win over Lawrenceville. Jono pitched a great game, probably his best of the year. He gave up three runs early but he really shut them down after that. We took advantage of their mistakes and made some clutch hits."

In the nightcap against Hamilton, it was the Raiders, however, who made the critical miscues. "Russo pitched a great game," said McQuade referring to sophomore Mike Russo, who had nine strikeouts and gave up just three earned runs.

"We fell behind 2-1 and then we battled back to take a 5-2 lead. But in the top of the seventh, the roof caved in. We had some wild pitches, a hit batter, and then a grounder to the second baseman hopped between his legs. I think that game was a heartbreaker. You tell the guys to forget about it but it's tough."

The Raiders face a tough haul this week as they finish play in the double elimination state Prep A tournament. After losing 2-1 to Peddie last week, Hun is in the loser's bracket with one more defeat eliminating it from the tourney.

Hun is slated to host Blair on the morning of May 17 and will play in the afternoon if it can beat the Bucs. A win in game two Wednesday would bring the Raiders back on Thursday, needing to win two games to take the title which it last won in 2002.

Despite the setbacks this past weekend, McQuade is confident his charges can recharge their batteries and make a final surge.

"We have three seniors in Jono, Billy Swenson, and Brian Scanlon; they love to play baseball, they live and die for the game," asserted McQuade, whose team is also slated to play Princeton High this week in a MCT consolation game.

"They have four days left in their high school baseball careers and I think they'll be ready to make the most of that; we'll build off of that. With Russo, Swenson, and Jono, we have the pitching. In high school, pitching keeps you close and then you need your bats to come through."

If Hun can come through with a Prep A title, its recent marathon will be well worth it.

Bill Alden

IRON MIKE: Hun School pitching ace Mike Russo fires a pitch in a game earlier this spring. Last Saturday night, Russo went the distance and struck out nine but it wasn't enough because Hun fell 7-5 to Hamilton in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) quarterfinals. Hun, now 11-8, will finish play in the state Prep A tournament this week. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

RUNNING ON EMPTY: Hun School baseball star Jono Chirumbolo races home in recent action. Last Saturday, Cirumbolo pitched a complete game and clubbed a two-run homer to help Hun top Lawrenceville 8-3 in Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) semifinals. A weary Hun team fell 10-0 to Mercersburg a day later in the MAPL title game to drop to 11-8 on the season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Dissolving a marriage or ending a cohabitive relationship or domestic partnership can be the most difficult event in a person's life. Although there may be no way to prepare oneself for the psychological effect of such an experience, there is a way to lessen the financial impact: prepare yourself with a pre-marital or pre-cohabitation agreement.

A pre-marital agreement, also known as a pre-nuptial or ante-nuptial agreement, is a written contract entered into by two people prior to marriage. Such an agreement anticipates the various financial and property issues which may arise during the relationship and which must be resolved if the relationship were to end. A pre-cohabitation agreement is a similar contract entered into by two people who intend to cohabit, but will not be legally married. In light of the new New Jersey Domestic Partnership Law, which provides certain benefits for couples who register with the State as domestic partners, a pre-cohabitation agreement is becoming essential for two people preparing to live together as a family.

In New Jersey, both types of agreements may be recognized as binding, enforceable contracts provided that the parties fully disclose their assets and income to each other, that they enter into the agreement freely and voluntarily, and that each party has had the advice of competent counsel. Generally, such agreements anticipate the disposition of a couple's property and assets if they were to end their relationship. For example, such an agreement may plan for how property acquired by the couple during their relationship, either jointly or individually, would be divided between them upon dissolution of their relationship. It can also secure certain assets for the parties' children from prior relationships, keeping them free from interference by the other party. Additionally, a pre-marital or pre-cohabitation agreement may speak to the couple's future financial lives, such as whether one party will be financially supported by the other, how much support will be paid and for how long. Also, it is common for a pre-marital or pre-cohabitation agreement to define the couple's individual assets prior to their relationship, and to specify how such property will be treated and disposed of between them in the event the relationship ends.

Because pre-marital and pre-cohabitation agreements attempt to anticipate issues that may arise between two people if their relationship were to end, such agreements are advantageous to people facing a dissolution of their relationship. The agreements clearly lay out the intentions of the parties, and can avoid the tensions and uncertainties inherent in negotiating a settlement agreement. Such agreements can reduce the involvement of the courts in parties' lives if they are unable to resolve their differences between themselves. The New Jersey courts long have recognized the benefits of pre-marital and pre-cohabitation agreements in that they are negotiated when a relationship is at its peak, and presumably when the parties are less likely to be guarded with each other. In this regard, courts generally will uphold agreements between a couple, so long as certain conditions are met.

Although you and your partner are free to enter into a pre-marital or pre-cohabitation agreement without legal counsel, an agreement drafted by an attorney and entered into by the parties upon the advice of independent counsel is preferable, and more likely to be binding. Attorneys knowledgeable about family law will be able to advise you as to the current laws governing such agreements and their enforceability, as well as the benefits and drawbacks to you of entering into such an agreement. But remember: it is essential that each party consult with an attorney of his or her own so that the agreement reached is one that is balanced and fair to both parties.

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Displaying Batting Punch, Confidence PDS Softball Advances to Prep B Final

Midway through the state Prep B softball semifinal last Thursday, Princeton Day School was clinging to a two-run lead over Wardlaw Hartridge.

PDS head coach Holly Fewkes wasn't worried, though, confident that it was only a matter of time before her sizzling club broke the game open.

Sure enough, the Panthers scored four runs in the fifth and then closed the game out under the mercy rule with three in the sixth to earn a resounding 10-0 victory.

With PDS improving to 12-3 on the year with eight wins in its last nine games, Fewkes has gotten used to seeing her club coming through.

"It took us a few innings to get our bats going," said Fewkes, whose top-seeded club was slated to host local rival and No. 2 seed Pennington on May 16 in the state Prep B championship game. "Once we did, everybody contributed. We hit the ball hard; it wasn't a matter of them making errors. Up and down the lineup, I'm confident in all nine batters."

Fewkes has a lot of confidence in senior shortstop and team captain Cait McPhaden, who provided the crowning blow against Wardlaw when she slugged a three-run homer to end the game in the sixth.

"When Cait comes to the plate, good things happen," asserted Fewkes, who is in her first year at the helm of the Panther program after being an assistant coach the last four seasons.

"It was great to see her get that walk-off homer. She's had a lot of big hits for us but she hasn't had a homer or a triple in that situation yet this year and I knew she was capable of doing that."

McPhaden's leadership has been as important to PDS this spring as her clutch bat. "Cait's a two-year captain," added Fewkes, who also got RBIs from Emma Morehouse, Nicole Auerbach, Elisa Cichonski, and Hannah Tamminen in the win last Thursday.

"We have a young team and she has really stepped up. She leads the infield and also helps the outfield. She's been playing great on defense; she has great range. She goes behind third and and she cuts things off up the middle; I don't know how she does it sometimes."

Under the influence of McPhaden, such players as Tamminen and Cichonski have developed into key contributors. "Hannah at second and Elisa at catcher have both improved defensively," said Fewkes. "They have also come through at the plate for us."

Probably no player has come through more this spring for the Panthers than junior pitching ace Auerbach, who struck out 11 and gave up just one hit in blanking Wardlaw.

"Without her, I don't know where we'd be," said Fewkes. "She has that straight-faced, deadpan look on the mound and she just gets the job done. If we need a ground out she gets it; if we need a strikeout she gets it. She gives confidence to the others; everybody's believing in her."

The Panthers are believing that they can close the deal and overcome Pennington to get a title. "We know they'll be ready to play," said Fewkes, whose club edged the Red Raiders 1-0 and 3-2 in the teams' two regular season meeting. "They will be hungry but so will we; we want that championship."

—Bill Alden

SPECIAL DELIVERY: Princeton Day School junior pitching ace Nicole Auerbach uncorks a pitch in action last season. Last Thursday, Auerbach hurled a one-hitter as PDS topped Wardlaw Hartridge 10-0 in the state Prep B semifinals. The Panthers were slated to play Pennington on May 16 in the Prep B title clash. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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STUART

Lacrosse: Kelly Bruvik scored three goals but it wasn't enough as Stuart fell 14-6 to Princeton Day School on May 10. The Tartans, now 5-8, face Ranney on May 17 in the state Prep B semifinals with the winner to play in the championship game on May 21.

PHS

Baseball: A superb pitching performance by Colin Sarafin was not enough as PHS fell 2-1 to Notre Dame last Saturday in the Mercer County Tournament semifinals. Sarafin struck out eight and gave up just five hits as PHS dropped to 5-13 on the season. The Little Tigers host Ewing on May 18 and Allentown on May 19.

Softball: Despite an excellent mound effort from Dylan Zink, PHS fell 2-1 to Hightstown last Monday in a Mercer County Tournament consolation game. Zink surrendered just three hits as the Little Tigers dropped to 2-17 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays at Hopewell on May 17 before hosting Ewing on May 18 and Allentown on May 19.

Girls' Lacrosse: Paced by an explosive effort from Allegra Formento, PHS topped WW/P-S 17-12 last Thursday to clinch the Bedesem Division championship of the Central Jersey Lacrosse League. Formento fired in seven goals and had three assists as the Little Tigers improved to 10-1 on the season. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers will compete in the NJSIAA state tournament.

Boys' Tennis: The Little Tigers topped Hopewell Valley 4-1 last Friday. PHS was slated to host Red Bank Regional on May 16 in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 3 quarters with the winner advancing to the sectional semis on May 18.

Boys' Track: Led by its distance runners, PHS placed ninth of 13 teams last Saturday at the Mercer County Track Championships held at Steinert High. Dan Cavallaro placed second in the 1,600 in a time of 4:26.28 while Jeff Wray took third in the 3,200 in 10:09.98.

Girls' Track: Paced by Libby Bliss and Natalie Gengel, PHS placed third in the Mercer County Track Championships last Saturday at Steinert High. Bliss won the 800 in a time of 2:20.59 while Gengel set a meet record in soaring 12'1 to win the pole vault.

STREAK BREAKERS: Hun School singles star Wilder Sampson digs out a volley in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Sampson took the Prep A title at second singles to help Hun take the team title. Hun's victory snapped Lawrenceville's seven-year stranglehold on the the title. Other individual standouts for Hun included Lance Goulbourne, the winner at first singles, and the second doubles pair of Ren Gates and Jack Barrett, who won their flight. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Lacrosse: Lawrenceville topped Penn Charter 7-3 last Saturday to improve to 18-0 on the season. The Big Red conclude their season by hosting Peddie on May 17 and Moorestown on May 20.

Girls' Lacrosse: The potent scoring combination of Sara Flood and Nellie Morris led the way once again as Lawrenceville edged Ridgewood 18-16 last Saturday. Flood fired in seven goals while Princeton resident Morris chipped in seven as the Big Red improved to 10-4 on the season. The Big Red were slated to host Peddie on May 16 in the state Prep A quarterfinals with the winner advancing to the semis on May 18.

PDS

Baseball: Mike Shimkin and Logan Laughlin had big days at the plate as PDS topped Bound Brook 7-3 last Saturday. Shimkin and Laughlin both went 3-for-4 as the Panthers improved to 10-7 on the season. Freshman Blake Blackinoff got the win on the mound for PDS.

Boys' Lacrosse: Unable to get its offense untracked, PDS fell 14-0 to Princeton High last Friday. The Panthers, now 5-10, host WW/P-N on May 18 and then conclude the season with the Alumni game on May 20.

Girls' Lacrosse: The combination of Katie Briody, Keely Langdon, and Nina Crouse led the way offensively as PDS routed Ranney 13-1 last Thursday. The trio combined for three goals and 10 assists as the Panthers improved their record to 12-2. PDS was slated to host Newark Academy on May 16 in the state Prep A quarterfinals with winner advancing to the semis on May 18.

HUN

Boys' Lacrosse: Hun displayed offensive balance but it wasn't enough as the Raiders fell 10-7 to Princeton High last Monday. Matt Loy, Jake Ballarotto, and Stosh Marziarz each scored two goals as the Raiders finished the season with a 12-5 record.

Girls' Lacrosse: Paced by the scoring prowess of Mary Stinson and Tyler Willey, Hun edged Mercersburg 12-11 last Saturday. Stinson fired in five goals while Willey added four as the Raiders improved to 10-5 on the season. Hun was slated to host Morristown-Beard on May 16 in the state Prep A quarterfinals with the winner advancing to the semis on May 18.

IN THE HUNT: Princeton Day School sophomore star David Holland prepares to hit a backhand on his way to the title at first singles in the Mercer County Tournament in late April. Last Sunday, Holland advanced to the finals at first singles of the state Prep B tournament as the Panthers look to repeat as team champions. In addition to Holland, Seth Stein advanced to the finals at third singles while the first doubles pair of Patrick Murphy and Sanjeev Sharma also reached the championship round. Play was slated to conclude on May 16, weather permitting. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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LOCAL SPORTS

PSA Youth Soccer Updated Tryout List

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) has updated its travel team tryout schedule for the 2006- 2007 season. Tryouts are open to all players without charge and will be held at Greenway Meadows park on Rosedale Road in Princeton.

Free pre-registration is being accepted online at www.princetonsoccer.org. Registration will also be available at the field with a $15 administrative charge.

Prospective players should bring their own soccer footwear, shin guards, and water. Soccer balls will be available at the fields. Parents must complete registration online or on the field before their child may participate in tryouts. Players should not wear travel team, select, or ODP uniforms to tryouts.

The tryout schedule is as follows:

-Under 10 (DOB 8/1/1996-7/31/1997)- boys: May 16 and May 18; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.;
girls: May 15 and May 17; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.;

-Under 11 (DOB 8/1/1995-7/31/1996) -boys: May 16 and May 22; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. ; girls: May 22 and May 23; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.;

-Under 12 (DOB 8/1/1994-7/31/1995) -boys: Patriots (Premier Team): May 23 and May 24; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; AC Milan (Competitive Team): May 23 and May 25; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.; girls: Stripes (Premier Team): May 17 and May 25; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; Miracles (Competitive Team): May 23 and May 25; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.;

-Under 13 (DOB 8/1/1993-7/31/1994) -boys: May 15; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m. and May 25; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ; girls: Orange Crush formerly Paws (Premier Team): May 23; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m. and May 24;6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; Pounce (Competitive Team): May 22; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and May 25; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.;

- Under 14 (DOB 8/1/1992-7/31/1993)- boys: Warriors (Premier Team): May 15 and May 17; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ;Earthquakes (Competitive Team): May 16 and May 18; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; girls: United '92 (Premier Team): May 18 and May 23; 6:15 p.m. -7:45 p.m.; Bengals (Premier); May 15 and May 22; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.;

- Under 15 (DOB 8/1/1991-7/31/1992) -boys: Strikers (Premier team) May 17 and May 24; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; girls: United '91 (Premier Team): May 16 and May 23; 6:15 p.m. -7:45 p.m.;Lightning (Competitive Team): May 15 and May 24; 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Beginning in 2006-2007, the PSA will be starting a Travel Development Academy (TDA). This program is designed specifically for under-7 to under-9 (DOB 8/1/7/31/2000) players. TDA is the first of its kind in New Jersey and offers the youngest players the opportunity to develop under professional coaches for both training and games without extrinsic pressure of winning and the burden of long distance travel.

The program is modeled on recommendations made by United States Youth Soccer for Small Sided games. The program will be directed by Christopher Mayer and staffed by professional trainers. The tryouts for boys and girls are June 5, 6, and 7 at 4:30-6 p.m. For more information, log on to www.princetonsoccer.org/yds.htm

All questions regrading the listed tryouts should be directed to the club's Executive Administrator, Michael Poller, or (609) 658-4676.

Tryouts for the Under-16 and older teams will be held at a later date. Please contact administrator@princetonsoccer.org for more information.

Corner House Bike Race Set for June 3

The Corner House Foundation is sponsoring its first annual Corner House Grand Prix Bicycle race on June 3.

The event will take place on a 2.4 mile circuit on and around Poor Farm Road. There will be a 19.2 mile race for senior men (age 45+) starting at 8 a.m., followed by a 28.8 mile race for masters men (35+), and a 43.2 mile race for pro men. There will be cash prizes awarded to the winners of the races with the riders required to have USCF certification.

The pre-registration fee for the first two races is $25 while the fee for the third race is $27. Pre-registration ends on June 1.

There is registration available on race day starting at 7 a.m. which will include an additional $5 fee. Registration will take place at the offices of Mason, Griffin, and Pierson at 100 Poor Farm Road. For further information, please contact Tom Pinneo at (609) 921-9446 or at tom@pinneoconstruction.com.

All proceeds from the race will benefit the Corner House Counseling Center which helps Princeton-area young people and their families deal with substance abuse and other emotional issues.

Princeton Little League Recent Results

In action last Thursday in the Princeton Little League majors division, the University Radiology White Sox edged Corporate Synergy Phillies 1-0 behind a mound gem by Chris Harwood, who pitched a six-inning no hitter. Harwood struck out 12 in hurling his second no-hitter of the year. Alex Bauman of the Phillies gave up only two hits over four innings, striking out eight in a stellar performance. The White Sox' Alex Zink lashed a fourth-inning single to knock in Will Greenberg with the game's lone run.

In games last Saturday, McCaffrey's Dodgers defeated Sidetrax, Inc. Yankees 13-6 as Alex Pecora and Ben Davis split the pitching duties in the victory.

The Corporate Synergies Phillies cruised past the Mrmarketishuge.com Red Sox 17-7 with Ian Finnen getting the win on the mound. Hyun Te Kang and Oren Karsen had key hits to help spearhead the Phillies' attack.

PHS Football Booster Golf Outing May 31

The Princeton High football program is holding its second annual team booster golf outing on May 31 at the Princeton Country Club on Wheeler Way.

The event features a shotgun start at 10 a.m. with prizes awarded for low gross, longest drive, straightest drive, and nearest to the pin on par threes. There will also be raffle prizes.

The fee is $150 per player and includes carts, lunch, and dinner. The fee for dinner only is $60. Businesses or individuals can fund sponsorships. Gold sponsors available for $1,000 which include four players and sponsor recognition; silver sponsors are $500 and include two players and sponsor recognition; with tee sponsors available for $175.

Money raised from the event will be used to purchase needed equipment for the PHS football program and help players participate in summer camps.

For more information, contact Tom Fisher by phone at (609) 655-2126 or (609) 734-7046 or via e-mail at fisher@pbworld.com.

Patriots Baseball Post 2-2 Week

The Princeton Patriots 12-and-under baseball team split four games in the Central Jersey and Dave Gallagher Baseball Leagues last week.

In Central Jersey action, the Patriots fell 9-4 to Hillsborough with James Bunn and Beau Horan banging out two hits in a losing cause. The Patriots then topped Long Hill 7-3 with RaShon Carr, Joe Clancy, and Jon Ostroff each producing key hits.

In the Gallagher League, the Patriots fell 9-1 to Manalapan as Phil Pecora stood out with two hits in a losing effort. The Patriots rebounded from that setback to defeat three-time Cal Ripken state champion Hopewell 11-0 last Sunday with Nate Ash hurling a six-hit shutout.

PGSA Softball Recent Results

In action last week in the Princeton Girls Softball Association's (PGSA) minors division, the Stars defeated the Diamonds 7-5. Julia Reid, Susanna Marttila, and Gabriela Bloom paced the Stars' offense with Liana Bloom and Courtney Layne handling the mound duties. The Diamonds were led by the defense of Crystal Abbott and Stephanie Wu with Caleigh Dwyer hitting a tape-measure shot to the outfield to highlight their attack.

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OBITUARIES

Archie M. Sharpless

Archie Monroe ("Pete") Sharpless, 77, of Princeton, died May 13 after a short illness.

Born in Haddonfield, he was the youngest of five sons of Lewis and Mary Ellen Sharpless.

He retired after 25 years with the Haddonfield Board of Education. He spent an additional eight years with Educational Testing Service.

He enjoyed retirement with his gardening and building an extensive collection of collectible cars. He also looked forward to time spent with his granddaughters, family, and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Florence (O'Neal); a son, Peter; a brother, James; three step-daughters from a previous marriage, Loretta Bruce, Toylene Person, and Penelope Berringer; and two granddaughters.

The funeral service will be today, May 17 at 1 p.m. at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, 112 Witherspoon Street. Calling hours will be from noon until time of service at the church.

Interment will be in Princeton.

Arrangements are by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton.

Willard R. Ridner

Willard R. Ridner, 71, of Kendall Park, died May 15 at the University Medical Center at Princeton. He retired in 2003 from the Kimble Funeral Home, where he had been employed as a licensed funeral director for more than 25 years.

Born in Orange, he had lived in Kendall Park for the past 30 years. He was a graduate of McAllister Institute of funeral service in New York City.

He served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958.

Predeceased by his wife, Anne C. Ridner, he is survived by a daughter, Judith Ridner of Allentown, Pa.; a son, William of Kendall Park; and two sisters, Catherine and Etta.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, May 17 at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street. Interment at Princeton Cemetery will be private. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home.

Nicholas Pirone

Nicholas Pirone, 66, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Princeton, died peacefully April 23 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, with his wife and daughter at his side.

Born in Princeton, he was the youngest of four children. He enjoyed being part of the family landscaping business.

In 1973, he journeyed with his family to Alaska, where they settled in the Trapper Creek and Talkeetna areas. He took pleasure in Alaska's rustic wilderness. His employment during that time included working for a logging company, the North Slope, and a construction company. In 1994, he established Shiloh Construction, Inc. in Anchorage, where his wife and daughter worked with him until his death.

His favorite moments were spent with his family. He also enjoyed studying the Bible, reading, gardening, walking, traveling in his motor home, and golfing at his winter home in Florida.

Predeceased by his father, Nicholas Pirone, Sr., and a sister, Janet Baker, he is survived by his mother, Margaret; his wife of 48 years, Joan Pirone; his daughter, Kimberly Ward; a brother, Vince; a sister, Elinor Hall; and two grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held in Princeton at a later date.

Barbara LaTourette Prosser

Barbara LaTourette Prosser of Cranbury, N.J. and New York City passed away on May 5, 2006 of cancer in Princeton. She was born on July 4, 1947 in Lancaster, Pa.

She is survived by her beau, Murray Patkin of Boston; and sisters, Sally Kuhnert (Richard) and Beth Coulter (Richard). She is also survived by her nephew, Christopher and nieces Lorraine and Kathryn Coulter.

She received her BS from Beaver College and her MS in Marine Biology from the University of Delaware. Employed by Pfizer in New York City, she served as manager of clinical studies. Previous to her position at Pfizer, she also worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Plainsboro, N.J. in virology and infectious diseases and at Hoffmann-La Roche in Nutley, N.J. as a senior scientific coordinator of research and development.

She was a member of Sigma Xi scientific society, the West Essex Wine Society and the Chaine des Rotisseurs. She loved sailing, traveling, snorkeling and gardening. Her radiant energy will be missed dearly by her family and many friends.

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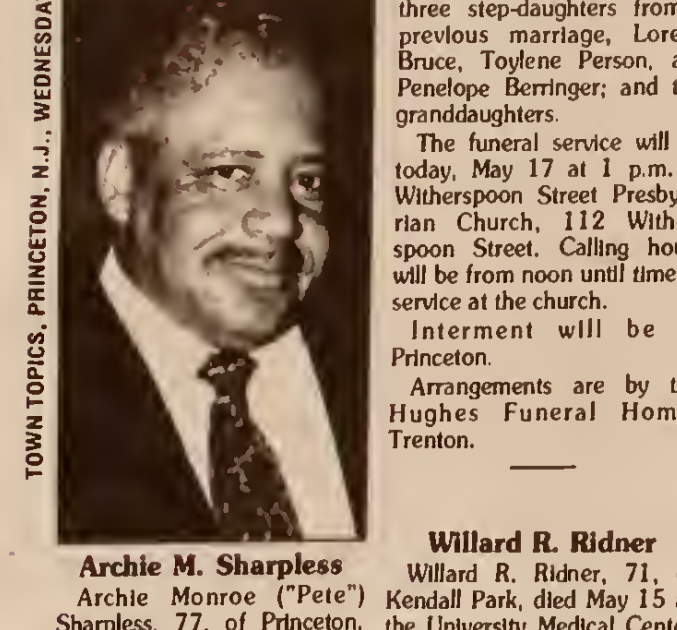

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The graduates included 25 international students, from Kenya, Ghana, the West Indies, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Hungary, Brazil, India, Thailand, Scotland, Canada, and Myanmar.

Mary and Matthew Aragon-Bruce, Jeffrey and Melissa Burt-Gracik, and Colin and Imani Jones were among several couples that graduated together.

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The gala will be preceded by a kick-off on Thursday, June 1 from 6 to 8 p.m., also at the Hyatt, which is open to the public.

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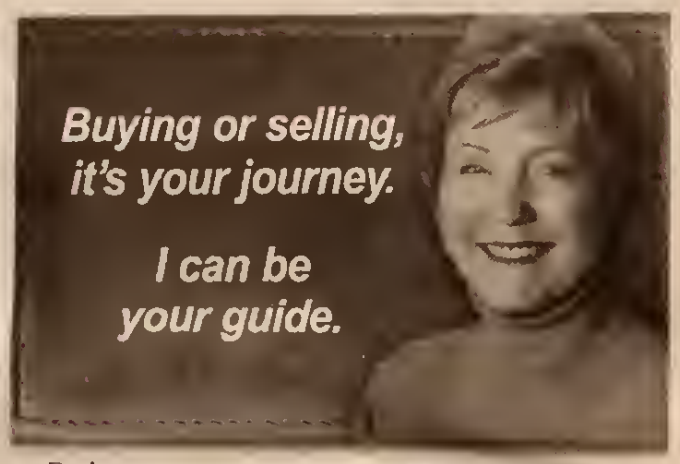

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MONTGOMERY — Enjoy Montgomery's award winning schools in this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Manors at Montgomery townhouse with a Princeton Address. Foyer leads into the kitchen, powder room, dining room and stairs to the 2nd fl.

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Marketed by Diane Urbanek **$849,000**

Dir.: Clarksville Rd. to Benford Dr. to corner of Benford & Monterey.

WEST WINDSOR

THE GRANDE PRESERVE. Specious 5 bedroom, 3 bath home on cul-de-sac. Large sunroom with walls of windows overlooks one acre lot, deck and patio. Minutes from 2 train stations and a quick walk to Mercer County Park. This one offers LOTS of elbow room.

Marketed by Anne Nosnitsky **$887,900**

Dir.: Old Trenton Road (Across from Mercer Co Park) to Cottonwood to left on Alta to #6.

PRINCETON

Palmer Square studio classic charm! Hardwood floors, built-in bookshelves, wood burning fireplace multi-paneled windows overlooking the Square. The bathroom features black & white ceramic floor, pedestal sink and subway tiles. New Pullman kitchen. Storage & laundry facilities conveniently located in basement, close proximity to train, located in bus routes & only a block from Princeton University

Marketed by Donna Mathels **$259,900**

PRINCETON

Located in a quiet, wooded Princeton neighborhood on a 1.5 acre lot, this classic 6 bedroom, 3 bath Colonial is surrounded by mature landscaping including a private deck, perfect for outdoor entertaining. Gourmet kitchen, designed for a professional, with a windowed wall offering panoramic views.

Marketed by Margaret (Maggie) Hill **$1,350,000**

PRINCETON

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Marketed by Susan (Suzy) DiMeglio **$899,950**

WEST WINDSOR

The renovations are complete and this classic center hall colonial is stunning. Well worked high end kitchen with granite, stainless appliances and natural cherry cabinets. All the bathrooms have been thoughtfully and creatively rebuilt. Mature landscaping and a park like yard. Great schools and close to train.

Marketed by Diane Urbanek **$712,000**

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Marketed by Lisa Weil **$789,000**

PRINCETON

Amazing 5 bedroom, 6+2 bath arts and crafts style home designed by Maximillian Hayden. Central hall with fireplace. Custom moldings. Wide doorways. High ceilings. First floor master suite with private study. Finished lower level with exercise room and media area.

Marketed by Margaret (Maggie) Hill **$2,395,000**

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Updated Duplex close to town and university. 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath hardwood floors throughout, attic and full basement for storage.

Marketed by Donna Mathels **$549,900**

PRINCETON

An expanded Cape that is set on over ½ acre and just minutes to the center of Princeton. With endless possibilities, the lower level can be used as an income producing apartment or as a space for recreation/entertaining.

Marketed by Deborah (Debbie) Lane **$679,000**

PRINCETON

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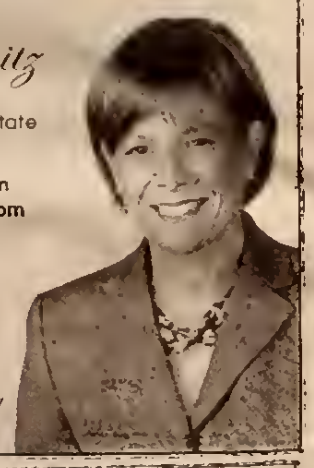

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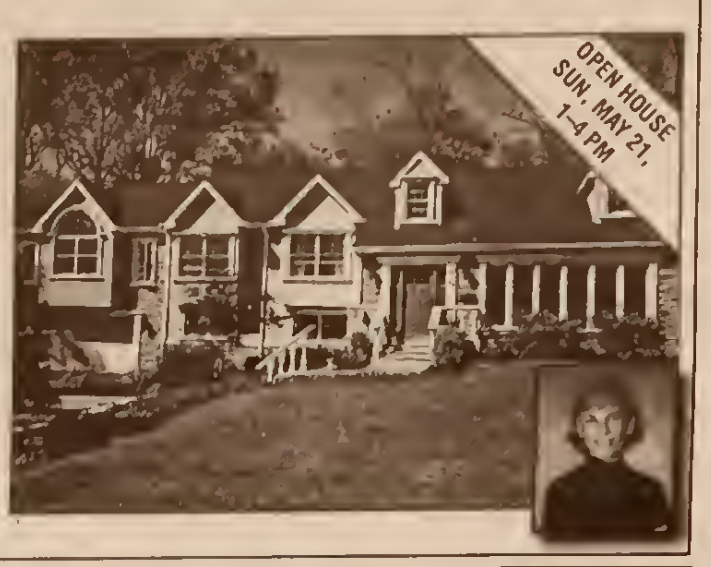

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The moment you've been waiting for has finally arrived! Lakefront property is not easy to find, and it is nearly impossible to find a house as skillfully planned and executed as this one. An extraordinary design by Maximillian Hayden Architect in tandem with the impeccable taste and "no-holds barred" choices and ideas of the current owners creates a truly stunning house with every quality feature imaginable. The gray paver courtyard approach sets a tone of pure elegance, which is echoed in the terrific foyer complete with floor to ceiling windows, custom woodwork and oak floors. A superb view of the lake opens up before your eyes as you take your first steps into the 38 foot living room/dining room with its two marble surround fireplaces and French doors to the ipe deck. The volume ceiling is echoed in the kitchen/great room, also maximizing the dynamite view of the lake. Top of the line appliances, farmhouse sink, custom tile and superior granite accentuate the gorgeous woodwork, custom cabinetry and another fireplace. The kitchen lacks for absolutely nothing and promises fantastic meals and enormously attractive space — try a 40 foot span from one end to the other. In each of the bedrooms you will find the quality woodwork and imported tiles typical of this house. Bathrooms are off the charts, beautifully designed and executed, with imported fixtures, tumbled marble, and exquisite design. The use of Jerusalem stone throughout the lower level lends a warm and elegant touch to every room, many of which have direct access to the lake. You know the drill about the dock — if not, call me up and I'll tell you! This unique Princeton house virtually defies description — you need to see it for yourself.

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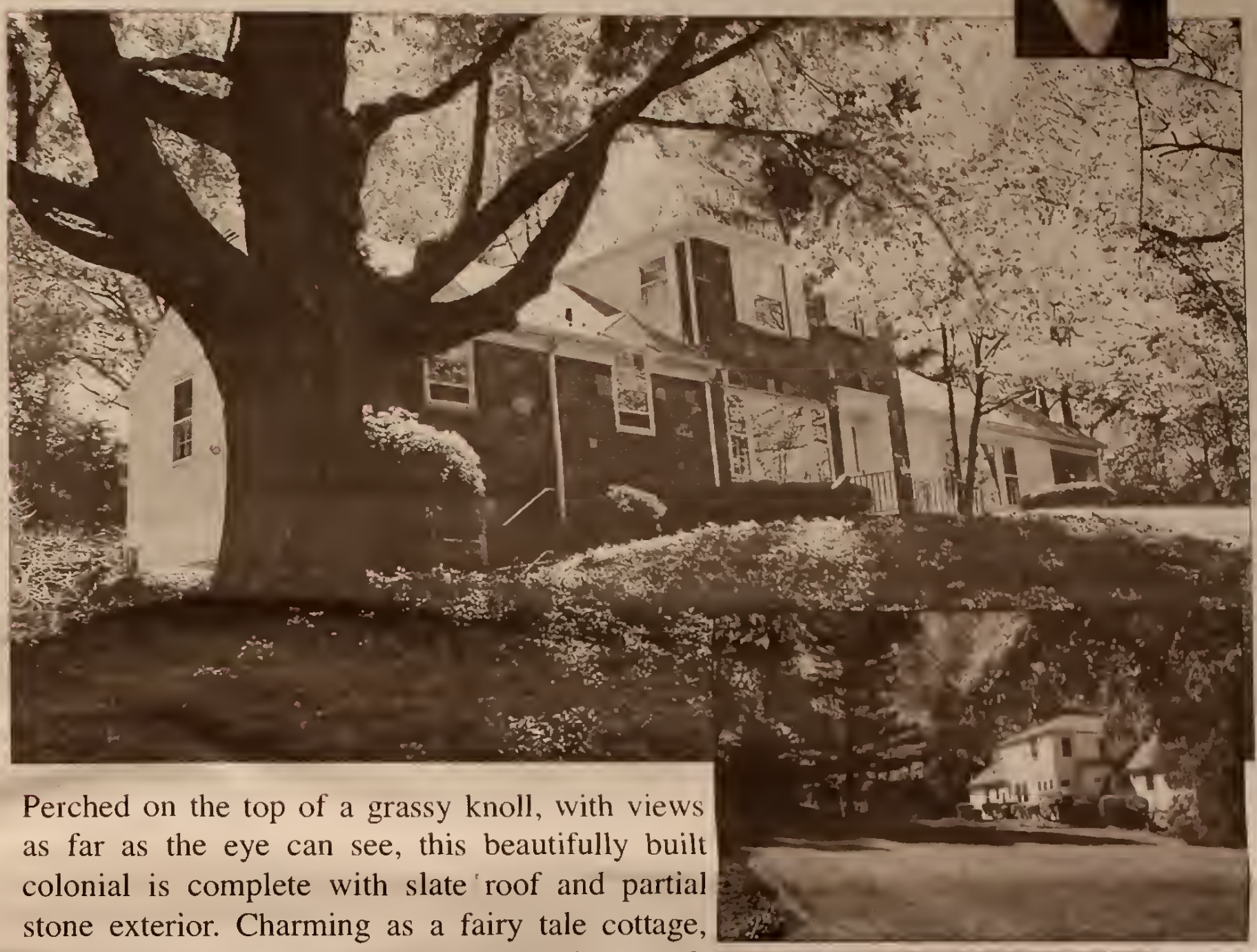

Perched on the top of a grassy knoll, with views as far as the eye can see, this beautifully built colonial is complete with slate roof and partial stone exterior. Charming as a fairy tale cottage, yet complete with creature comforts, this one-of-a-kind property offers spectacular grounds with magnificent mature trees, shrubbery and gardens. Arches provide interior interest, with welcoming entry, large living room with fireplace and screened in porch. Formal dining room has superior views, and the totally renovated kitchen is complete with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Don't forget the wing off the kitchen, having two bedrooms and yet another full bath. Also on the main level is a lovely bedroom with access to a bath. The second level has the master bedroom with private bath, third bedroom with full bath and an adorable fourth bedroom with dormer windows. Finished basement, attached garage and beautifully decorated, here is the house for you in Princeton's Johnson Park school district.. **$1,100,000**

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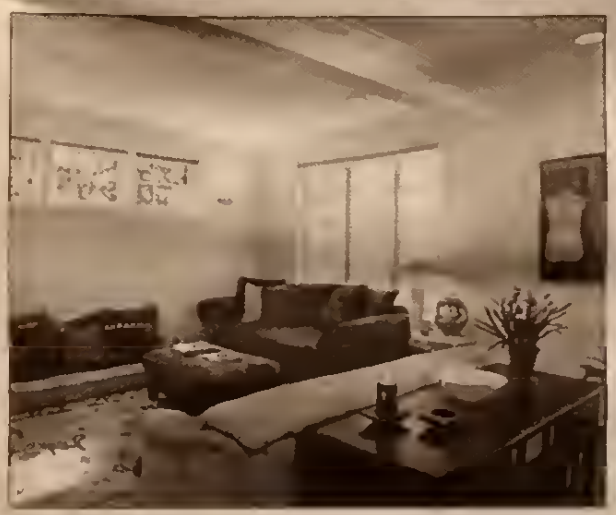
From the hall, two steps lead to the well-proportioned dining room with chair-rail and windowed bay. The spacious renovated kitchen has recessed lights, maple cabinetry and a center island with breakfast bar.



Light flows into the kitchen through the French doors and arched window of the step-down sunroom, with vaulted skylit ceiling, windowed wall, wet bar and access to a picturesque, secluded patio. Adjacent to the kitchen are the powder room and another recent addition, a bright family room, with full bath.

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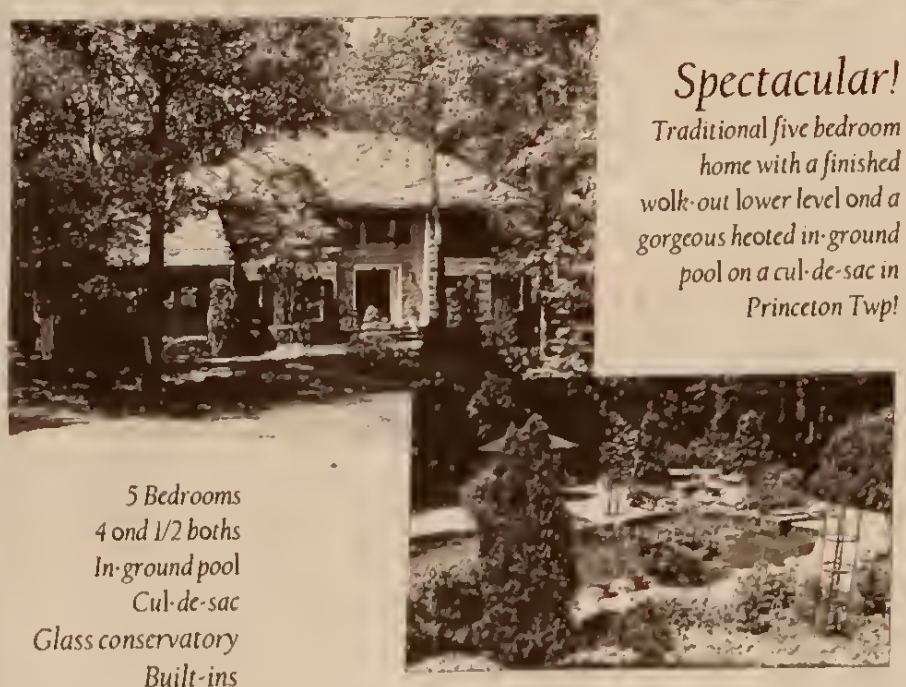

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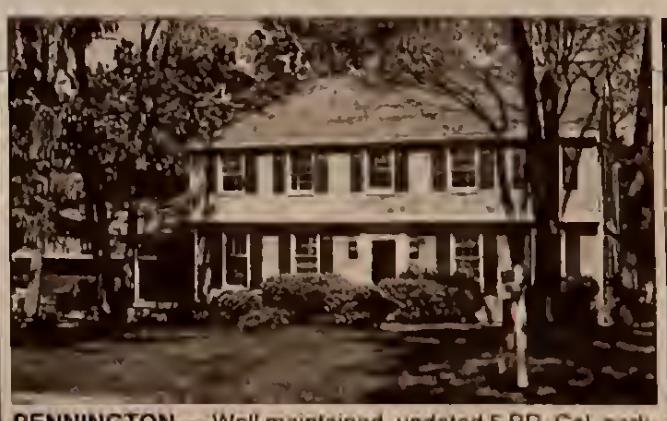

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